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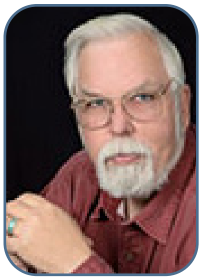

President's Message

by Chuck Lind, MMR
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Seems hard to believe that my term as your President is coming to a close in just a few short months. It has been a real honor in serving the Lone Star Region.

Saturday January 30 the Board of the Lone Star Region held their Mid-Year Board meeting. Like the past Board meeting it was held via Zoom due to ongoing pandemic.

While most of the business handled was just routine business there were a couple of exceptions. The joint convention with the LSR and MCoR that was planned for Tulsa had concerns on if we should move the dates. Part of the concern was from the layout owner and their concerns that with the recent spike in cases they were hesitant on strangers coming into their homes. Co-chairs Marc and Ken went back to the hotel to see if any other days were available and brought the new dates to the Board. The LSR Board voted to change the dates of the convention to October 7-9, 2021. October 6 and 10 will also be for those who want co come early or stay later to operate. Hopefully this will address some of the concerns people were voicing about attending the convention.

I was told that if you have reservations with the hotel the dates will be changed by the hotel to the new date in October. Even though the hotel said this was an automatic process I do plan on calling to make sure all got taken care of. Please look at the web site for the latest news on clinics and other events at the convention. If you are already registered thank you, if you haven't registered please do so as soon as possible so the convention chairmen are able to continuing making plans.

I want to take a moment to say thank you to Marc LaChey for his work as Convention Chair. When I became President, I went to Marc and asked, or maybe begged, him to take the job. I told him I wanted conventions planned ahead and be willing to think outside the box. The convention last year in conjunction with a train show was a first and having a joint convention with the folks in Tulsa is another first. With a convention scheduled for Temple in 2022 Marc thanks for a job well done. Marc has asked to step down from being Convention Chair at the end of my term so if you are interested in this position or know someone that could fill this important position please let me or the Board know.

As we move into the summer train show and convention season please check ahead since some of these are being canceled with the ongoing concerns of the pandemic. The latest of these is our own NMRA National Convention and Train Show,

Stay safe and continue working in the train room and wee will all get together soon.

MKT and Belton Railroad Co. Station

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MKT and then the Belton Railroad Co. station in downtown Belton

In case you all have never seen this, the MK&T station in downtown Belton is a cool little station you can see when you attend the 2022 LSR Regional Convention in Temple, Texas.

Built in 1899 of brick with stone quoins, this little charmer holds down a corner of E 1st Ave and N. East St. a block from the courthouse. According to the BeltonTexas.gov history page,

> *Belton met its first setback in 1881 when the City fathers, after meeting the demands of Santa Fe railroad representatives and putting up $75,000, found themselves duped out of a railroad in Belton. They sued, but the company built their own town that they named Temple. After many years, the Supreme Court finally ended the case in favor of Belton. Meanwhile, they contracted with the M.K. & T. and by 1882, the Katy's depot was built a block from the courthouse.*

The MKT operated this line until the Belton Railroad Company began operations on February 1, 1961. They operated the 7 mile line to the connection to the MKT at Smith, Tx. On their roster was No 1, a 50 ton Whitcomb, a GE 25-ton #2161, and an EMD SW1 #504.

On June 3, 1991, the Georgetown Railroad Company purchased certain assets of the line (not including the station, name, nor some other property west of IH 35) and ran it as the Belton Subdivision.

Stop by during the 2022 convention and see how it is doing after 123 years in this charming Central Texas county seat.

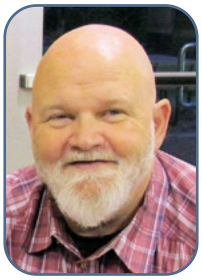
Riley

BELTON RAILROAD
CO.
FEB. 1, 1961
M-K-T
1899

31° 03' 25.4" N
97° 27' 43.7" W
1"=10 FEET LAT.
1"= 9 FEET LON.

M K & T

Up the Tracks Events Calendar



By Bill Dryden
NMRA & LSR Life Member

DISCLAIMER in light of COVID-19

I have visited each of the web sites provided herein and the only cancellation I found was the one noted. However, you should (re)verify any event you are interested in attending before traveling to it.

Here are upcoming events within the LSR of which I am aware. I will provide all the information YOU send me or I can glean from other publications, websites, etc., for these events. Additional information may be available through the NMRA Scale Rails and/or various trade magazines or various websites. Also, note that all show times and dates are at the discretion of the sponsoring organization and are subject to change. Please forward any and all information about upcoming events or activities in your area, club, etc., to me via e-mail at bdr149@airmail.net.

The Tulsa Union Convention
2021 Midcontinent and Lone Star Regions NMRA

New Dates!
October 6-10, 2021

http://www.2021tulsaunion.com/

Embassy Suites
3332 South 79th Street
Tulsa, OK
Come all!!
PARTICIPATE!!!

RECURRING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

LSR Division 3 - Trinity River Division – Allen

The Trinity River Division meets on the Third Saturday of every month at the Christ Servant Lutheran Church, Allen Texas. Occasionally things change due to scheduling conflicts so pay close attention to the email meeting notices that go out a week before the meeting. If you would like to be added to the email list contact Donna Orr at donnalorrtx@gmail.com.

LSR Division 4 – Cen-Tex Division – Austin

The Cen-Tex Division meets bi-monthly at the Austin Northwest Recreational Center, 2913 Northland Drive, Austin, TX. Meetings are held at 10:00 am on the Second Saturday of the *odd* months and include clinics, show-and-tell, DCC minute, social activities and a layout open house. For more information about upcoming meetings, see http://centexnmra.org or contact director@centexnmra.org to be added to the mail list.

LSR Division 8 - Texas Gulf Division – Houston

The Texas Gulf Division presents hands-on-clinics every second Saturday of each month at the Bayland Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. The clinic times are 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All are welcome. To be added to the Division 8 mailing list contact Jim Lemmond at jimlem@comcast.net. The Division 8 web site is http://texasgulfdivision.org/

Alamo Model Railroad Engineers - San Antonio

The Alamo Model Railroad Engineers meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Zucht Building at the Texas Transportation Museum, 11791 Wetmore Rd., San Antonio TX. For more information call Peter Shavney (210) 317-3661 or Gene Turner (210) 355-2777; or visit the web site www.alamomodelrailroadengineers.com.

Austin Model Railway Society - Austin

The Austin Model Railway Society is a HO scale modular group that is open to new members and meets once a month. For more information please email Riley Triggs at president@austinrailway.org or visit the web site www.austinrailway.org.

Houston Area Live Steamers

HALS has over 9,000 feet of track for you to enjoy and ride on most any Saturday of the year. Someone is usually there every Saturday with special run, operations, waybills/timetable, work and fun run days scheduled throughout the year. Our public run days are the third Saturday of the month March through November. Come see our 2,500 foot expansion in Phase 4. Model Railroaders (any scale) are welcome to attend most any time. Check our web site out at www.hals.org for schedule of events or e-mail Rick White – rick.white.jr@gmail.com for more information.

New Braunfels Railroad Museum

Kids Fun Day is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. New Braunfels Railroad Museum, 302 South San Antonio Street, in the 1907 Restored Railroad Depot; New Braunfels, TX. Museum phone (830) 627-2447. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to run model trains and become a Jr. Engineer. Also among the displays at the Kids Fun Day will be a large US Army Model Garden (G) Scale and Lego Trains. Visit our Steam Engine, Caboose, Dining Car (available for Birthday Parties) and Box Car. There will be other fun, train related activities, additional model trains, train artifacts, our 1907 depot are on display. The Railroad Museum opens at 10:00 am on Saturdays. For field trip scheduling and more information, call Howard Young (210) 542-6121, or visit us at www.nbrrm.org.

North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs – Irving

The North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs (NTC) meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Visit the website www.dfwtrainshows.com for more information about the NTC, its meeting site or member clubs.

Texas Northern Model Railroad Club – Dallas (North)

The Texas Northern Model Railroad Club business meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month and for regular meetings on Thursday evenings and most Saturdays. If you like to operate, come by on Tuesday nights to join our weekly operation session. Located in North Dallas at 11999 Plano Rd., Suite 154, Dallas, TX 7 5243. For more information: www.texasnorthern.org.

Texas Western Model Railroad Club – Forest Hills

The Texas Western Model Railroad Club meets for its business meeting every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The Club is located at 6808 Forest Hills Drive, Forest Hills, TX. For more information: (682) 587-2092 or www.twmrc.org or email cdo@twmrc.org.

EVENTS AND SHOWS

February

27th – 28th **45th Annual Jamboree & Train Show** (Sponsored by San Antonio Model Railroad Association). Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults $8, Children (Limit 3) under 16 free when accompanied by a paying adult, Wounded Warriors, Active Military and their family free. Garden Ridge Community Center, 9500 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, TX. More information: jamboree@samratx.org or www.samratx.org.

March

6th **Lone Star Hi-Railers Train-A-Palooza Train Show.** Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Founders Building, 705 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX. More information: http://www.lonestarhirailers.com/ .

April

10th – 11th **Galveston Railroad Museum Train Show.** (Hosted by Galveston Railroad Museum). Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Check website for admission fees. Galveston Railroad Museum, 2602 Santa Fe Place, Galveston, TX. More information: (409) 765-5700, e-mail at info@galvestonRRmuseum.org, http://galvestonrrmuseum.org/.

24th – 25th **New Braunfels Annual Spring Train Show Jamboree.** (Sponsored by New Braunfels Railroad Museum). Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults $10 (14 & older), Child $2 (5-13 years old). New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 South Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX. More information: www.newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/trainshow.

May

16th **Scottish Rite Train Show 2021.** Sun. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, TX. More information: https://scottishriteforchildren.org/.

August

14th Greater Houston Train Show. (Sponsored by the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club). Check website for times and admission fees. Stafford Center, 10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX. More information at crash8473@comcast.net.

28th – 29th Austin Area Train Show 2020. Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults $8, Children 12 and under FREE with adult. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX. More information: info@austintrainshow.org or https://austintrainshow.org/ or follow AMRS on Facebook!

October

2nd – 3rd Fall 2021 Dallas Area Train Show. (Sponsored by the North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs). Check website for times and admission fees. Plano Civic Centre, 2000 E Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX. More information: www.dfwtrainshows.com

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Excursion Train Trips

Austin Steam Train; Cedar Park, TX; (512) 477-8468; www.austinsteamtrain.org

Grapevine Vintage Railroad; Grapevine, TX; (817) 410-3185; www.gvrr.com

Old Hickory Railroad; Jackson, LA; (225) 634-7397; www.louisianasteamtrain.com

Texas State Railroad; Palestine & Rusk, TX; (888) 987-2461; www.texasstaterr.com

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Whose track goes there?

You tell me whose layout this big photo is from, and I give the first person to email me the correct answer at rrrduino@huntatrophy.com a campfire lighting Arduino next time we meet!

Do you live in central Texas?

Whether you're new to model railroading,
want a large layout but don't have the room,
or just want to hang out with friends...

Come join us!

We're an HO scale modular club with regular meetings in the Austin area. Members participate in many ways, from software to scenery to operations.

AUSTIN MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY
EST AMRS 2017

Check out all our website at **austinrailway.org** for more information and how to join. You can also reach us at **info@austinrailway.com** or **(512) 836-5275**.

The 2022 Lone Star Region Convention is looking for a few talented members

We are looking for members who would like participate by presenting clinics. The clinic theme is

"Working towards the Achievement Program"

If you are interested in helping out, contact Bob Thiele, Cen-Tex director at rthiele52@hotmail.com

2021 Tulsa Union Convention

Layout Preview

From the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention web site

Steve Campbell

New Date!
October 6-10, 2021

Cherokee Sub Frisco

HO Scale

The Cherokee Sub of the Frisco is set in Tulsa, OK circa 1950 and resides in a 23x30 upstairs room accessed by stairs or elevator. 1950 was chosen because the Frisco was still 60% steam then but was completely diesel by the end of 1952. The ATSF and MKT were the other class 1 railroads serving Tulsa and are represented along with interchange with the Sand Springs RY.

The entire RR is within Cherokee Yard limits. Operations include servicing local industries, interchange between railroads and the arrival of the Frisco Meteor which dropped a Pullman at Tulsa Union Station before continuing to Oklahoma City. All locomotives have sound, realistic momentum, function 6 braking and NCE control. Operation is low pressure and include yardmaster and helper, Mid-Continent refinery, MKT, ATSF and 2 SLSF industrial zones. Scenery is complete with future refinement planned. All rolling stock and engines are weathered. A required union break with refreshments is observed mid-session.

Arrangements have been made with the Embassy Suites, 3332 South 79th East Ave. in Tulsa to host the convention. Attendees who book early can take advantage of a rate of $106.00 for a King room and $111.00 for a double room. And as it customary, the Embassy provides a free, made-to-order breakfast and a complimentary evening reception. And the hotel offers plenty of places for attendees to sit and visit with old friends and make new friends. Check out the convention website for the Convention Code and telephone number to use when making your reservation.

We encourage you to check out the website as updates and new information is posted on the site.

www.2021TulsaUnion.com

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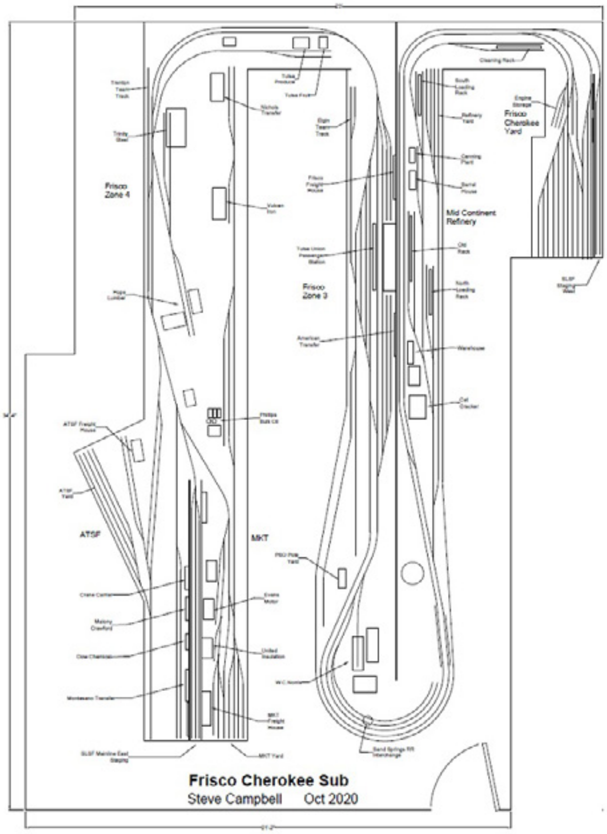

RAILS TO THE CANADIAN ROCKIES PART ONE

by Kenneth Kaiser
pictures by John Garfield, Kenneth Kaiser, Frank Treadaway, Jay and Jeremy Waters

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Our 10 day trip to see the Canadian Rockies began in Vancouver British Columbia (BC) and consisted of four legs.

The first leg

This leg consisted of taking VIA RAIL Canadian {Train # 2} from Vancouver BC to Jasper Alberta (ALB) (picture 1). We left from the Pacific Central station (picture 2). Since this was an overnight train we had premier sleeper reservations so we had to line up to get our sleeper car accommodations and dinner times (picture 3). There was an outside waiting area for Premier passengers (picture 4) where we were able to see the train (picture 5, 6) and the luggage being carried on railway carts with hard rubber tires (picture 7).

The train consisted of three dome cars, fifteen sleepers, a baggage car, two diners, two coaches, one tail end observation car and two engines, for a total of 26. We boarded out car (picture 8) which was in the second section.

We traveled over the rails of four CN Divisions on our way to Jasper. DIV. 1 (Vancouver to Boston Bar), DIV. 2 (Boston

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Bar to Kamloops), DIV. 3 (Kamloops to Blue River), DIV. 4 (Blue River to Jasper).

After leaving the station we passed an inbound CN freight (picture 9), a Westcoast Express consist (picture 10) on their way to Mission, and a set of Vancouver Metro cars running on parallel elevated tacks adjacent to us (picture 11). We then crossed over the Fraser River Bridge taking pictures from the upper dome car (picture 12, 13). Lower area had a restroom and tables (picture 14). We headed north through the CN rail yard (picture 15, 16) towards Jasper. We passed a CN freight (picture 17) and a fleet of Westcoast Express bi-level cars at Mission (picture 18). As evening approached (picture 19) we were called to Dinner.

After a nights rest in our sleeper car (Mackenzie Manor) (picture 20) we awoke to see the top of the Canadian Rockies covered in snow (picture 21). It had rained during the night but the rain had turned to snow as we headed north. Air being lifted over the mountains causes clouds to form

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and snow falls on the peaks (picture 22). At mile post 52.0 on the Albreda-Robson Subdivision a picture was taken of Mt. Robson from a dome car (picture 23). Mt. Robson is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies 12,972 feet. We meet the westbound VIA Canadian (train #1) in Jasper (picture 24). It had mechanical problems and was still in the station.

We had to wait until it was repaired and then go past the station and back onto the station track (picture 25). We passed a spare VIA RAIL engine (picture 26).

The second leg

This leg consisted of taking a motor coach from Jasper to the Columbia Glacier, Lake Louise and on to Banff. We traveled along the ice highway and were able to see some mountain goats (picture 27, 28). From the Columbia Glacier parking lot we were able to see the snow covered Canadian Rockies (picture 29). We took a regular bus up to a transfer point where we switched to an EXPLORER vehicle (picture 30). It had six wheels each weighting 400lbs and cost over 10

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million dollars. Looking back we could see where the wind had blown the snow off the glacier and you could see the ice (picture 31). We arrived at the glacier (picture 32) and able to walk out on the ice (picture 33). The temperature was 15 degrees and we were could see up the glacier (picture 34).

We were able to walk up to the country flags and take pictures and take pictures (pictures 35-36). On our way back we were able to see sink holes which appear in the ice flow (picture 37). We were also able to go on the ice walk (picture 38-39) which overlooks one of the rivers formed by the glacier. The Columbia glacier feeds three rivers, one goes to the Pacific Ocean one to the Atlantic and a third to the Arctic Ocean. As we were leaving we had another view of the glacier (picture 40), one of its tributaries (picture 41) and a wall of ice on a ridge line (picture 42).

We arrived at Lake Louise where we stayed at the Chateau Lake Louise (picture 44). The hotel was luxurious (picture 43-44). A nighttime picture taken from the hotel room (pic-

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ture 45). A light snow fell that night and later that morning (picture 46).

The lake was a three minute walk from the hotel. It was a beautiful blue (picture 47-50), and people were able to go canoeing by 10 am (picture 50). It was now time to board our bus and head off to Banff. On our arrival we were able to view the majestic Mount Rundle with its 4,278 foot peak (picture 51-52). After dinner we went down to see the Banff Canadian Pacific Railway Station (picture 53).

The original Canadian Pacific arrival and departure chalkboard was still affixed to the front of the station (picture 54). We went inside the station (picture 55) and viewed many of the old historical pictures (pictures 56-60). We waited for the arrival of the Rocky Mountaineer from Calgary (picture 63). When it arrived (picture 61), It consisted of three engines, a generator car, four silver cars, eight gold cars, two diners and two staff cars.

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VIA Rail Canada
MACKENZIE MANOR
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MANOIR MACKENZIE
This car is named for Sir Alexander Mackenzie (1764-1820), first white man to cross the North American continent and explore the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean. He became a partner in the North West Company in 1787, six years after he emigrated to Canada.
Cette voiture a reçu le nom de sir Alexander Mackenzie (1764-1820), le premier Blanc à avoir traversé le continent nord-américain et explorateur du fleuve Mackenzie jusqu'à l'océan Arctique. Il est devenu associé de la Compagnie du Nord-Ouest en 1787, six ans après avoir émigré au Canada.

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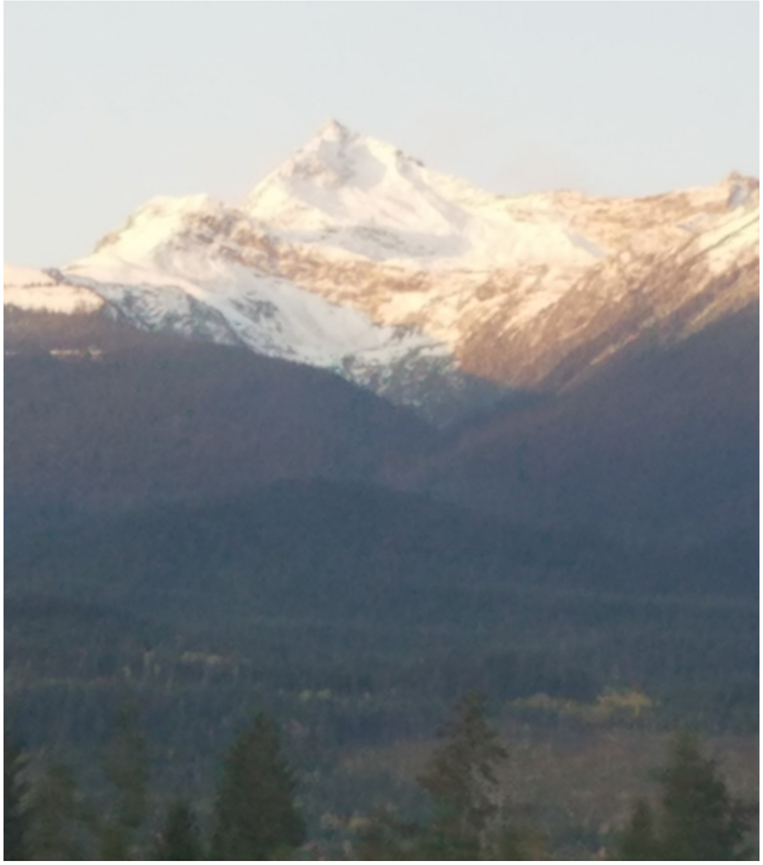

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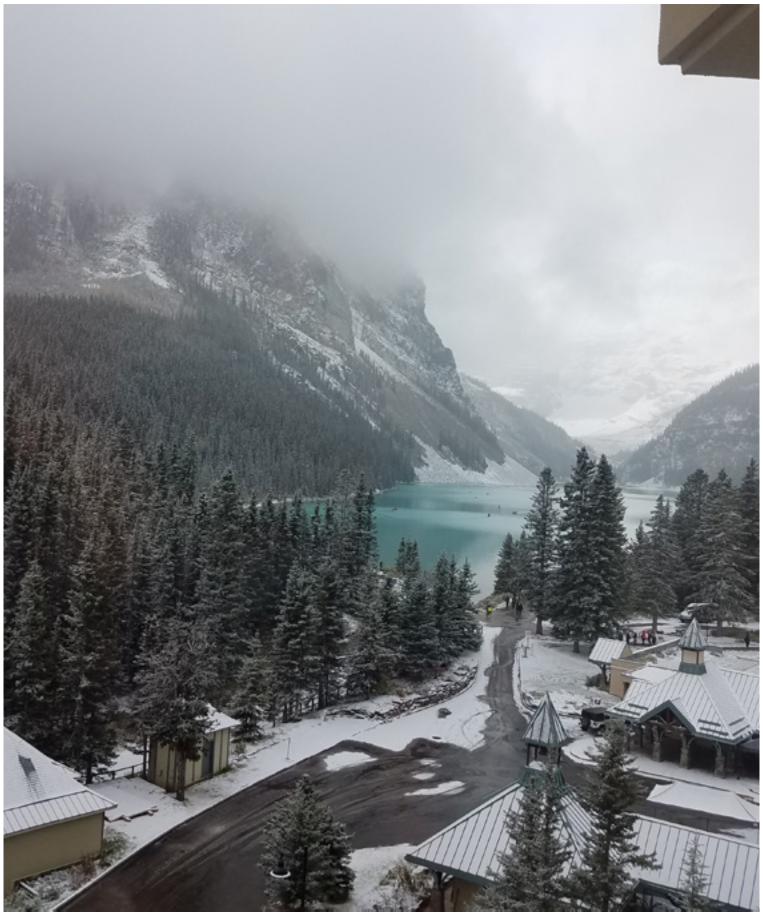

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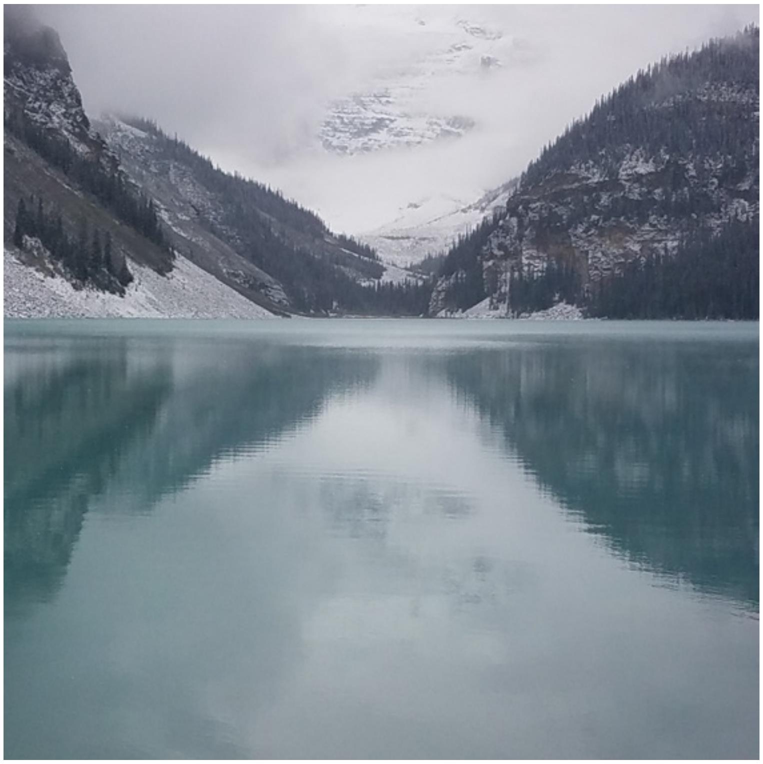

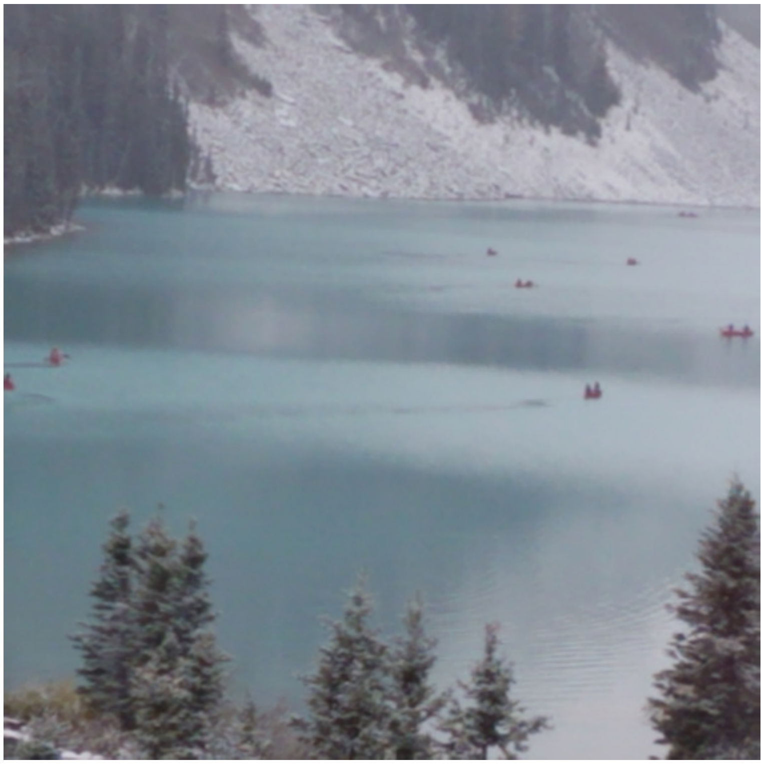

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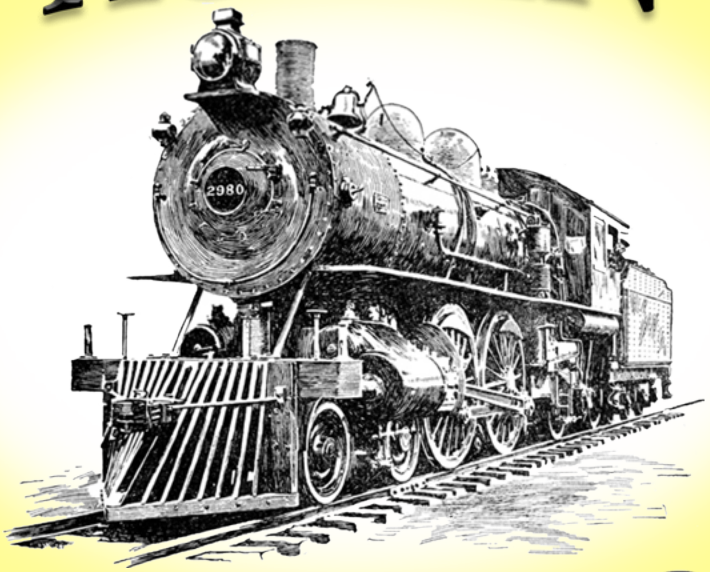

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New Dates!

October 6-10, 2021

http://www.2021tulsaunion.com/

The leadership of the Indian Nations Division, Mid Continent Region and the Lone Star Region have come together with our partners at the Embassy Suites-Tulsa, to reschedule the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention.

Thanks to the 50+ folks who have already registered for the convention. Should these new dates present a conflict for you, please email:
registrar@2021tulsaunion.com
by March 15, 2021 to request a refund.

Early registration deadline is now July 1, 2021.

The Embassy Suites will change existing hotel reservations made using the prior convention booking link to the new dates. Those who make hotel reservations going forward should use this new booking link:
New Hotel Booking Link

Or by calling 1-800-EMBASSY and using the booking code TRN or by asking for the "2021 Mid Continent & Lonestar Regional Convention Model Railroad" group rate.

The 2021 Tulsa Union Convention is the joint production of the Indian Nations Division, Midcontinent and Lone Star Regions, NMRA.

2021 Mid Year Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 30th, 2021 | Zoom meeting

MINUTES OF THE LONE STAR REGION BOARD MEETING
Houston, Texas – January 30, 2021

President **Chuck Lind** called the Annual Board meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Roll call

All of the officers, directors and committee chairpersons were present except:
Voting Board Members:
Dave Lamberts

Non-voting Board Members:
Bill Dryden
Michael Harang
Virginia Freitag

Visitors
As each director introduced their quest:

Guest	Division Director
Blake Bogs	Phil Stewart

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Secretary Jeff Palmer provided a motion and **Duane Richardson** seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve, as published the Minutes of the June 6, 2020 Annual Board of Directors meeting published in the **2020 Summer** issue of *The Marker Lamp.* The motion designated as **2021-01-30 LSR Motion 1** passed.

Officers Reports

President Chuck Lind

The President's Report was submitted by email to all Board members and is summarized as follows:

The strangeness of 2020 continues!

We are still limited in our gatherings. Although ZOOM meetings are great, we miss the face-to-face interaction.

In Division 8, two of our groups have started in-person meetings, with limited attendance….Petticoat Junction and the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club. SanJac is actually having ZOOM and in-person meetings simultaneously.

The San Jacinto Model Railroad Club has scheduled the yearly train show on April 10, 2021. Our fingers are crossed that we will actually be able to have the show as scheduled. For additional information, visit the San Jac Model Railroad Club website at www.sanjacmodeltrains.org. As I write this, I have been told the Plano Train show is still a go for January 16-17, 2021. Additional information can be found at their web site www.dfwtrainshows.com. Hopefully these shows will bring just a little bit of normal

back into our lives. Since many of the train shows in the area have been cancelled this past year, this could result in a record attendance for these shows.

Remember the 2021 LSR convention will be a joint convention with the folks in the Mid-Continent Region. It will be held at the Embassy Suites in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The dates are June 17-20, 2021. The convention is co-chaired by Marc LaChey of the Lone Star Region and Ken Ehlers, MMR of the Indian Nation Division of the Mid-Continent Region. There is a full list of clinics from some of the best clinicians of the two regions. Plans for some of the non-rail attendees include a visit to the Thomas Gillcrease Institute of American History and Art, as well as other activities. Registration is now open at www.2021TulsaUnion.com.

Vice President Ray Byer **No Report**

Treasurer Gert "Speed" Muller
The Treasurer's Report, was submitted by email to the Board members and is summarized as follows:

Third Quarter, 2020/2021:

Beginning Balances (2020/10/31)		
Tulsa Advance		$ 1,000.00
LSR Unrestricted Accounts		$41,896.93
Beginning Total LSR Net Worth (A)		**$42,896.93**
Liabilities		
Bob Clarke Award Fund	$ 528.86	
Division 5&7 in Escrow	$ 145.00	
Delattre Fund	$ 660.00	
Outstanding Checks	$ 148.00	
Future Advance	$ -1,000.00	
Starting Bank Saldo		**$43,378.79**
Proceeds		
	$ 0.00	
Total Proceeds (B)		**$ 0.00**
Disbursements		
Website Expenses (covering 3 years)		$ 104.83
Total Disbursements (C)		**$ 104.83**
Net Proceeds-Disbursements (B-C)		**$ -104.83**
Updates to the Restricted Funds:		
Delattre Fund		**$ -156.00**
Division 2 Rebate out of Escrow		$ -0.50
Division 5 Rebate in Escrow		$ 21.50
Division 7 Rebate in Escrow		$ 23.00
Change in Liabilities (D)		**$ 112.00**
Ending Balances (2020/10/31)		
Tulsa Advance		$ -1,000.00
LSR Unrestricted Accounts Total		$ 41,792.10
Total LSR Net Worth (E=A+B+C)		$ 42,792.10
Liabilities (F)		
Bob Clarke Award Fund	$ 528.86	
Division 5&7 in Escrow	$ 145.00	
Delattre Fund	$ 660.00	

Outstanding checks	$ 0.00	
Future Advances	$ -1,000.00	
Bank Saldo at bank (G=E+F)		**$ 43,125.96**

Secretary Jeff Palmer

The Secretary's Report, was submitted by email to the Board members and is summarized as follows:

Since our June 6, 2020 BOD meeting, the LSR Secretary worked with the Nomination Chair, Pete Leach, to hold the 2021 LSR Officers election. The first phase of the process is to identify the candidates, and obtain their profile. This phase was closed on December 1, 2020. The second phase is to turn all of the profiles over to the web chair and the building of the election website - https://geekwithtrains.com. The last phase is to report back to the Nomination Chair with the online results to be merged with the snail mail results.

In each of the months since the BOD meeting, the secretary posted the NMRA Roster Reports.

Currently the secretary is trying to pull together the various reports from the other LSR Officers and Chairs in preparation of the January 30, 2021 BOD meeting. The cooperation of the officers and chairs would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to the 2021 convention in Tulsa.

As covered in the Web chair Report, the LSR Website continues to be stable. I would also like to thank Chris Atkins for allowing the LSR to use the https://geekwithtrains.com website to hold our elections.

One last note, please remember in your reporting that education is our prime directive and to hi-lite it where possible in your reporting.

Advisor Steve Barkley

The Advisor's Report, was submitted by email to the Board members and is summarized as follows:

My term as Advisor to the Board ends this coming weekend. Thank you go to you, the other officers, past and present, and the membership of the LSR for their help and suggestions during my terms as LSR President and as advisor to the Board.

This past year has seen the rise of Covid. It has materially affected the way the membership of the LSR enjoys model railroading. In person meetings are now very rare. Zoom dominates meetings and, I suspect, will be a continuing though not exclusive method of meeting. In my own home club, we anticipate that Zoom will be added to in person meetings to allow our away members to continue to attend and participate. We have one member now who lives in Vermont. He attends most meetings and gives clinics.

It remains to be seen whether attendance at live events will regain kits popularity.

There are other dark clouds on the model railroading horizon:

1. Our membership is aging. This will affect travel, spending on hobbies, and the desire to build new layouts. Also, modular railroading may also be affected by the weight of many modulars. My old club has found that is much more difficult to move and set up its 30+ year old modules.

2. Equipment prices continue to rise.

3. The detail level on new models continues to improve. However, does this inhibit the willingness to use older, less detailed, but cheaper equipment?

4. Electronics continue to grow not only in cost but also complexity.

5. Interest groups continue to proliferate. This fragments the number of modelers who may be interested in joining and participating in any group.

6. The cost of dues and magazine subscriptions continue to rise.

7. As with many organizations, we at the LSR have become very critical of each other. We forget that we are an organization of members who like to play (model?) with electric trains. We have forgotten Linn Wescott's motto that "Model Railroading is Fun!"

I thank the LSR membership for allowing me to serve for many years. It was unexpected.

<u>Directors Reports</u>

Division 1 Director Mike Mackey reported:

Thanks to our wonderful friends in Wuhan, China, the COVID pandemic continues to impact not only the activities of Division 1, but our lives in general. While we had planned on having our annual Christmas Party in December, that had to be cancelled. Our “Make and Take” Flat Car Clinic has officially now been delayed for over a year. As of now, we are placing it on the schedule for May of this year with hopes that we can resume face to face meetings then. Here’s to anticipating that the vaccine is as successful as we all want it to be.

It appears that yours truly will be serving at least two more years as division director since there was no other candidate on the ballot when it was announced last month. Let me state that the success of our division resides in the group of members who fill all of the roles on the management team. I know of no other division, in the entirety of the NMRA, which has a full slate of managers, in so many different assigned jobs, complete with backups! We have an extraordinary situation in Division 1 and I’m grateful for all of the help and support.

We currently have our 2021 meeting/clinic schedule filled and are working on 2022. Our topics for our meetings for 2021 are as follows:

January	Greg McComas	Mainline Modeling in a Small Space
February	Pete Steinmetz	What is Dead Rail?
March	Bruce Petrarca	Answering your DCC Questions

April	Clarence Zink	Mining Operations on Your Railroad (It's not just Coal)
May	Duane Richardson	Giving Your Railroad a Purpose
June		Summer Cookout and Social
July	Duane Richardson	Flat Car Make and Take Part 1
August	Duane Richardson	Flat Car Make and Take Part 2
September	John Lowrance	Signs for your Railroad
October	Jeff Palmer	Roads for your Layout
November	Rich Mossholder	Modeling Deserted Track
December		Christmas Part and Awards Banquet

One of the positives coming out of the COVID pandemic is the fact that our division is now set up to broadcast our meetings even when we resume face to face meetings. Our plan is to continue using Zoom and record our meetings, and, after editing, upload our meetings to the division YouTube Channel. This also allows us to continue the practice of bringing in clinicians from around the globe to give us a wide variety of information on a vast array of subjects.

On a side note, our Zoom license currently offers us the opportunity to have up to 100 individuals attend the live meeting as it is happening. We've typically hosted about 35-45 on any single meeting. Based on that, we have extended invitations to Divisions 2 and 5 respectively. I'm happy to report that we normally have about half of Division 5 join us during our meetings. We are pleased to welcome them and hope that both divisions enjoy interacting with us each month.

Until next time, … ***Stay Inside, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!***

Division 2 Director Ken Mason reported:

Once again it is time for a report with not a whole lot to report on. Covid-19 is still taking its toll and postponing or cancelling model railroad events around the country and the world.

The semi-annual Ponchatoula Train show hosted by the Louisiana Train Collectors Association had to cancel the November 7th show, once again due to Civid-19. The next scheduled date for this show is March 6, 2021. We hope that restrictions will be lifted enough to have this show back next year.

Here at my club, the Crescent City Model Railroad Club in Metairie, LA, we have not been able to have operating sessions. We have however been getting together again on Friday nights as in the past, with just a lower turnout of regular attendees. Updates, modifications and new projects continue to get worked on by members at different times of the day and weekend hours. We are also happy to announce that our Crescent Lines Accurail covered hopper is now SOLD OUT!

I have heard that the Mid-South Club in Baton Rouge has attempted to have operating sessions only to be interrupted by tropical storms or hurricanes that continue to enter our area. They are also making improvements and modifications to their layout as well.

The Greater Baton Rouge Club in Jackson Louisiana are in the same boat and have been posting virtual layout tours on their Facebook page. Some very nice news to come out of the Greater Baton Rouge Club was the donation of two handcrafted wooden rocking chairs that were made by member Blane DeRoche. They were donated by the family of

longtime member Tom Mills who passed away a couple of years ago. Tom is still missed in that club and also by the CCMRC were Tom was also a member.

The Lake Charles Area Modelers Club location at the children's museum had to vacate the museum property earlier than expected after Hurricane Laura did extensive damage to the museum roof which caused water leakage into the museum and onto the layout. We are all sad to see that layout go away and hope that the Lake Charles area club can find a new permanent home and rebuild soon.

On a personal note, I had to have my appendix removed the last week of July. I had been having some pain in my right side for a while before that and could not figure out what it was until one Sunday working at the club with another member when the pain got really bad. I trip the ER and a CAT scan revealed an inflamed appendix. It was removed the next day with no complications, just the usual after surgery pain and discomfort. I have also been participating in weekly Zoom meetings hosted by Kevin Ruble of Caboose Hobbies in Lakewood, Colorado and co-hosted by Michele Kempema of the Colorado Model Railroad Museum. I have made some great new friends and contacts in the hobby and Kevin even invited me to be a guest on his Wednesday night OS Check-In Show on Wednesday August 19. If anyone has any interest in seeing the show, they are posted on the Caboose Hobbies Facebook page. I am honored to be among some famous names in the hobby to be interviewed on the show, like Tony Koester, Mike Budde, John Abatecola and Family Ties actor and model railroader Michael Gross. If you have time on a Wednesday night, look for the Zoom meeting link on the Caboose Hobbies Facebook page or just watch the live feed on Facebook. There is also a Friday night Zoom get together called happy hour where we share what we have been working on and just general BS about the hobby or whatever topic comes up.

That's it for this time, I truly hope that Division 2 can get some kind of event planned and executed in the near future to have a bit more to report for next time.

Division 3 Director Donna Orr reported:

May was a continuation of our virtual meetings and had two clinic presentations

Joe Fugate (Publisher - Model Railroad Hobbyist) presented a clinic on "Painting in a post-Floquil world."

Which included getting weaned off Floquil / PolyScale and map the familiar colors to other model paints. Also tips / tricks for airbrushing, brush painting, washes, and storing paints to last longer.

Then Dale Kreutzer (MMR #588) delivered a clinic on: The Porter Coal Mine at Hesperus. HIs presentation on moving from a mock-up to a completed coal mine scene.

In June John Feraca gave a presentation on expanding his Stone Canyon RR by adding a lumber branch line. The clinic was a PowerPoint presentation starting with a brief history of the SCRR flowed by a detailed description of the lumber branch line addition which included the planning, CAD layout design, bench work, trackwork, scratch built structures, backdrop painting, scenery and operations. Our second presentation in June was by Jack Dziadul from the Carolina Piedmont Division of the mid-Eastern Region. Jack is also the owner of Ipswich Hobbies. His Presentation included the following: Suggested tools, Taking inventory of parts, Construction sequence, Painting and weathering, Dealing with mistakes, Setting the scene, The business of craftsman kit manufacturing, and Resources for additional information.

In July we had a clinic on lighting, by John Niemeyer, moderator of the Scale Lighting Forum. John's work has been in the HOn3 Annual, he has taught clinics locally, regionally as well as at the National Narrow Gauge Conventions.

Then we had a virtual layout tour of the Texas Northern Model Railroad Club by Thomas Stephens. And a virtual tour of Ken Towery's layout. Also Chuck Fink is going to demonstrate the use of his Weight Calculator. As cars being weighted properly for good tracking is a passion for him. Jerry Hoverson is going to give us an update of his layout.

It looks like we will be continuing the virtual meetings for a while longer. The Division meetings along with the NMRAx clinics seems to be giving us a lot of options for learning and working on our layouts.

In August we continued our virtual meetings and we had a clinic on Arduino as a speedometer. We learned how the Arduino works, what customizations are needed and wiring. If you have any questions, Division 3's Thomas Stephens was our presenter.

September we moved on to two clinics with Neil Dronet showing us how he constructed his n-scale helix base with the focus on the woodworking/construction side of things.

Then Duane Richardson presented a clinic on "More than just a flat car". He showed how to add things to a flat car to create a group of small work train cars.

And then came October, finally we were outside and had a swap meet. All had a great time. Of course, masks and social distancing were part of the event.

In November we had a layout tour presented by Keith Sampler of his Colorado & Southern layout modeled in On3 and which uses "power on board" or battery power.

Keith was born in South Africa and spent his young days in Rhodesia, now known as Zimbabwe. His father worked on the Railways after the war as a master carpenter coach builder. Keith spent his young days at the yards and steam shops watching locomotives known as Garratts switching and moving cars around. He had many a cab ride as it was the 1950's and everything was open.
His family returned to South Africa when the so-called "troubles" began which culminated in a war.

Keith became a model railroader during his teenage years. His grandfather was a senior manager on the South African Railways and had his own private coach. Keith took many a trip with him during school vacations. Keith became a narrow gauge modeler in the

very early 1970's, modelling DRGW. And stayed Lifelong narrow gauger. Keith moved from South Africa, to Toronto, to Chicago to Dallas.
Due to all the moving around, I built several layouts. Most were all operational, but not too many were in a state of completeness.
My current layout and the focus of my presentation is my 11th On3 layout and it is the most complete effort. I began building this layout in 2016 when I retired.

December would have been our Christmas Party gathering, but Covid was still around, so another zoom meeting, in this meeting James Knabb gave us some insight into the next generation's ideas in Model Railroading. He presented "The Next Generation in Model Railroading" about layout planning with the most recent computer technology.

At each of our meetings we also have updates on NMRAx, Tips and tricks, show and tell, Q and A and any other pertinent information for the Division.

Our January Meeting is being postponed due to the Plano Train Show. We will meet on the 4th Saturday and have a presentation by Rich Mossholder. His clinic will be on "Backwoods and abandoned track"

A little long, but we had some really good presentations. Hope everyone is doing well and glad we made it to 2021.

Division 4 Director Bob Thiele reported:

2020 has been an extremely challenging year and numerous adjustments to Division operations had to be made. Like many Division and Regions, Cen-Tex has employed Zoom as a way to gather and exchange modeling techniques and ideas. After canceling the bi-monthly meeting in March the Division started holding meetings on line. It was surprising how many members contributed material to the Divisions presentations.

I want to thank the following Division members for contributing clinics to the Zoom meetings. Jack Merkel – Converting layout lighting for Day/night operations. Scratch building prototype structures. Steve Jackobs – Kit bashing a SW 10. David and Sam Nicastro – Numerous layout improvements on the Moffitt Tunnel route and installing DCC decoders in MOV vehicle. Mike Barrett contribute many clinics to the Division, all of them very informative and entertaining. The Division had many members who contributed short 5- and 10-minute show and tell videos and power point presentations. I would like to mention a few, Jerry Wilson, Wayne Jones, George Zapalac, Bob Batson and Lou Adler. Some members have sponsored operating sessions with the proper safety protocols in place.

I want to thank James Knabb for all the work he has put into the Multi Regional Zoom Meetings. The Division members have nothing but praise for the meetings. This tool has brought together NMRA members from around the country and overseas to exchange ideas and develop acquaintances.

The Division has begun working on a new website which will be give the membership greater access to resources. Another goal is to give members the ability to communicate with each other with ease.

The Austin Model Railroad Society, an all NMRA module group has had to make the same adjustment as the Division. All meetings have been on Zoom and the group has not assemble for operating sessions since March. They have approved the second phase of building with 25 feet of modules depicting down town Austin in the late 1950's. Members are constructing the individual modules at home with the hopes of joining them together in the near future. The Train show sponsored by AMRS has been cancel twice but a new venue has been selected and the show will be held on Labor Day weekend, 2021.

At the LSR board meeting in January 2021, a brief presentation on the plans for the 2022 LSR regional convention will be given.

Division 5 Director Dave Lamberts No Report

Division 6 Don Winn reported:

It's been quite an interesting 6 months, given the Covid situation. No train shows and other things that were part of the old normal, but people have been creative and have made some tasty lemonade out of these lemons.

Here in South Texas, we still have quite a few activities happening.

The SAMRA club was closed for a time, but then reopened to members on a limited basis. Members are still coming in to work on the layout, and ops sessions have are being held with requirements for masks and distancing.

The Texas Transportation Museum has re-opened to the public on the weekends. Work continues not only on restoration of the locos and rolling stock, but also on new displays and events.

Within the TTM, the AMRE club also continues to meet and make progress on their layout.

The SanTrak club is finishing up their move into TTM.

The South Texas Railroad Socials have successfully transitioned into a Zoom meeting format. In addition to the scheduled quarterly events, there have been additional Zoom meetings in between, plus informal "Shop Talk" discussions on weeknights.

Additional details can be found in my quarterly reports to the Marker Lamp.

Division 7 Director Don Kimmell reported:

There is really not too much to report on, what with the Covid issue.

I would like to thank Ms. Donna for allowing my division members to “sit-in” on her virtual division meetings. She has allowed me to forward the meeting info to all my division members. A few have let me know how much they have enjoyed the various topics covered. Again, Thank You Ms. Donna.

The few members who have visited with me have reported the progress they have made on numerous projects. The only question that has been asked is some judging for the AP Certificates, to which I have referred them to the national web site.

I have had some additional questions about the upcoming convention in Tulsa. I told them to just watch the upcoming Marker Lamp.

Division 8 Director Phil Stewart reported:

Division 8 has been busy with some great clinics thanks to our President Jim Kelly and some incredibly talented modelers in our division. All of our clinics have been utilizing zoom however we did do one live hybrid clinic from the community center with a limited number of attendees in person due to Covid restrictions. Because of the increase in Covid cases we have resumed our zoom only clinics.

Our June clinic featured LSR Vice President Ray Byer who showed us how to wire a Tortoise Motor. Ray also incorporated the use of LED’s in his presentation. President Jim Kelly presented our July clinic on how to use an Arduino to animate LED’s in our scenery and structures. The August clinic was presented by David Paul on how to use JMRI for turnout control and signaling. Master Modeler Railroader Leslie Eaton did an outstanding clinic in September on weathering techniques using an airbrush and dry powders. Leslie has been a fixture at our local train shows for years doing live demonstrations on scenery and weathering. She also has her own line of weathering materials available commercially called the Real Deal Weathering Kit. Jim Kelly presented our October clinic on Speed Signaling Versus Routing Signaling. Taken from Bruce Chubb’s Railroaders Handbook Jim compared and contrasted these two types of signaling systems. Technical difficulties prevented us from broadcasting our November clinic however it is available on You Tube as are all our clinics. The November clinic and part two of the same clinic in December featured a make and take clinic of an early 20th. century water tower by the very talented Lourdes McCleary. Lourdes gave us some excellent structure building techniques in a variety of scales. We will start the new year off with a clinic from yours truly on several types of scenery techniques. We’ll demonstrate how to use natural materials in scenery and modelling scenery on a flat terrain. We’ll make a dirt road using a formula of vermiculite, Paper Mache, stain, and glue. I’ll also discuss the use of fiberglass as a backdrop and painting clouds using stencils and free hand design.

At Division 8 we have tried to provide diverse subject matter for our clinics from track work, electronics, lighting, structures, weathering and scenery. We have also improved our website and Face Book and noticed an increase in traffic in both mediums. Happy Railroading!!

Director-At-Large Marc LaChey reported:

As much as I am uncomfortable with technology, I must admit that Zoom has been a blessing over the past 9 months.

Besides being able to attend the mid-year LSR Board meeting via Zoom last summer, I have facilitated two clinics for Division 3 done via Zoom. First was a clinic given by Dale Kreutzer, a Sn3 modeler located in Port Orchard, WA. Dale went through the process of updating a scene on his layout to incorporate a mine into what was previously a small hill on his layout near the entrance to the room. The other clinic was given by Keith Stamper, a On3 modeler living in Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada. Keith presented a virtual tour of his On3 Colorado & Rio Grande Southern layout. Before the pandemic, it did not occur to me to use technology to share skills and layouts from around the country with our local membership. But with most of our membership following guidance to protect themselves from the pandemic, technology allowed us to both maintain our social connections but experience a new means by which we can share our hobby.

But the examples of using technology just described were just the tip of the proverbial iceberg on how technology has allowed the LSR and the NMRA to remain connected. Thanks to Division 3 member, James Knabb, we began to enjoy presentations from Divisions in Florida and Southern California. Thanks to the efforts of Division 3 member and LSR Treasurer, Speed Mueller along with NMRA At Large Worldwide Director, Gordy Robinson, NMRAx filled the void left by cancelled in-person meetings and conventions with content from around the globe.

Since my school days, I've heard the adage that "necessity was the mother of invention". No doubt the pandemic has forced us to find new ways to stay connected. I believe we all owe a huge thank you to those who have dragged folks like me another step forward in the use of technology to maintain the many friendships associated with the hobby of model railroading.

Director-At-Large Pete Leach reported:

It has been a busy end of Summer and start of Fall. I have continued to work with other Maine Two-Foot modelers around the world to arrange Virtual Layout Tours using the on-line meeting platforms, such as ZOOM. We have formed a core group and conducted 5 tours, including 2 on my own layout. In addition to the tours, we keep some time at the end of each call for conversation. This has been great fun sharing experiences with likeminded modelers who would otherwise likely not meet in person. We plan to continue with an every-other-month schedule.

In September, I participated in 2 NMRAx events. The first was Ask the MMR®. Along with Chuck Lind and two other MMR's, questions were passed through the moderator, Gordy Robinson from Scotland. The questions were mostly about the Achievement Program, NMRA rules, and modeling philosophy. It was a great honor and experience to participate in this event.

The second NMRAx event was a Virtual Layout Tour of my railroad. The attendees could direct questions to me via the moderator, Speed Mueller. I walked around the layout giving commentary on the various locations and providing details on techniques used in the construction. This was harder than the tours I've conducted before because there wasn't same live audience feedback. But it IS a

great way to share the experiences of building a layout to a wide audience. Both events were recorded and posted on the NMRA Facebook and YouTube sites.

I continue to support the local San Jac Model Railroad club by writing monthly articles. Having this monthly deadline does keep me in the layout room! I plan to continue as long as I have something to write about and readers who put up with me!

I did complete two significant modeling projects the summer. The first was a major kitbash of a Bachmann On30 Forney model. I converted it from a Baldwin 28-ton 2-4-4 to a Portland 18-ton 0-4-4. The project included several scratch-built assemblies and shortening the frame while keeping the good running mechanism intact. An article on the build has been submitted to White River Productions for their 2021 On30 Annual.

The second project was a scratch building effort of a specific boxcar from Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway. This car was built in 1895 and still exists today at the Boothbay (Maine) Railway Museum. Boxcar 312 was fun to build and learn about the history of this car. An article on the build has been submitted to the Narrow Gauge & Short Line Gazette for publication some time in 2021.

Finally, speaking of the GAZETTE, an article on my home layout was published in the Nov-Dec 2020 issue. This was my 4th article published by Bob Brown. He visited my layout during the 2015 Narrow Gauge Convention when it was mostly plywood and Homasote. He has continued to encourage me to complete the layout and to write about. Many folks may not know Bob was MMR # 215. It has been a great experience working with and getting to know him.

I am looking forward to continued meetings in the months to come, even if they are virtual! And I am looking forward to getting back to “normal” in time for the Tulsa Union joint convention with Mid-Continent Div. in June 2021! Stay safe and keep modeling!

Director-At-Large Darrell Cowles reported:

What an interesting year. A while ago I heard the story of parents trying to break their children’s habit of calling foods they didn’t like “yucky,” and instead, saying “no thank you please” when asked if they wanted some. In my opinion, this year has certainly been a “no thank you please” year.

Like many others, I and some of my family have underlying health concerns, so my hobby activities have changed with the inadvisability of gathering in large groups. So I suspect activities at many of the local clubs and chapters have slowed substantially. We are all getting better at Zoom or GoTo Meetings, I think, but they just don’t replace the face-to-face interactions with our fellow modelers. On the bright side, at least the Plano Train Show in January 2021 is still planned as were a few other shows during this fall. We are creatures of habit, and we are slow to change a habit once it is established. We had the habit of

going to our respective clubs on certain days, and attending meetings or train shows ingrained into our daily lives for many years running. Now we had to change this habit into one of working on our models from home, attending online meetings, and avoiding crowds. How do we break this 2020 habit and return to our old one with in person meetings and groups?

As these new vaccines roll out and we hopefully gain control this terrible pandemic, we will once again be able to return to our old ways; but will we? Clubs and events will need to put special emphasis on their activities to get members back into the buildings and events. Extra effort is going to be needed to entice us out of our homes and back into social life; we built up a hesitation to be around other people which we will need to break down. Creativity on the part of clubs will be needed by the leadership to again fill up the meetings and work sessions, either by special events, giveaways, contests or the like. And they will need to continue to be actively encouraging hobbyists and members back out of their home workshops and into the club or event. Our hobby will depend on it!

Here's to a BETTER new year!

Department Reports

Achievement Chair Duane Richardson reported:

With a year where we were all stuck at home I had hoped to see more submitted but this was it for the year so far.

Michael Ross Structures, Author, Golden Spike
Ken Mason Scenery
Tom Greco Structures
Mike Barrett Volunteer, Author
Joe Leising Volunteer
James Kelly Civil, Author
Robert Ashcraft Electrical
Gerald Schoenberg, MMR Motive Power, Structures, Prototype Modeler – This gives Gerry all 11 certificates.
Randall Wilson Chief Dispatcher
Larry Swigert Motive Power – This makes Larry MMR #666
Dennis Wright Golden Spike

Contest Co-chair Ray Byer, Jeff Palmer reported:

No activity.

Convention Chair Marc LaChey reported:

Plans continue for the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention, a joint production with the Mid-Continent Region. As of this writing, we have 16 regular registrations and 4 non-rail registrations in hand. We have a full slate of 20 clinics lined up along with 14 layouts to be available for operating sessions and layout tours.

Planning for the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention was based on a conservative assumption of 100 registered attendees. I am concerned over the lack of early registrations. As a part of our convention planning, there will be a meeting of the convention co-chairs and the two regional Presidents on or shortly after March 1, 2021 to review convention planning as of that date. One consideration to be discussed is whether registrations to that time support the continued planning of the convention.

Should the convention be cancelled 90 days in advance, the deposit of $500.00 with the hotel is forfeited. Cancellation between 89 and 60 days in advance results in a liability to the hotel of $7,711.65. Cancellation between 59 and 30 days in advance results in a liability to the hotel of $11,139.05. Cancellation between 29 days and the scheduled date results in a liability to the hotel of $14,566.45.

My personal thought is that if we do not have 50 registrations paid by March 1, 2021, then serious consideration should be given to cancelling the event to avoid a significant financial loss.

On a more positive note, Division 4 has stepped up and plans to host the 2022 LSR Regional Convention. More detail on plans for the 2022 Convention will be provided by Division 4 Director, Bob Thiele.

Finally, please accept this notice to the LSR President and Board of my resignation as LSR Convention Chairman effective the close of the annual board meeting as scheduled during the summer of 2021.

Education Chair, Open Chair No Report

Events Chair, Bill Dryden reported:

Folks are continuing to send in revised blurbs, and events notices. But, as is the unfortunate norm, I am still getting some notices few days or so after I have submitted the column. There have been several folks who have called, following up with e-mails with more details.

One of my better sources has dropped off the web; some notifications I had received only through that source may be lost; still looking for additional sources.

If there are upcoming events that members are aware of occurring, please let me know.

Anyone having events to be published, please send me the details:
bdr149@airmail.net

A reminder to all:

Please consider our deadlines for submittals and publications to allow adequate lead time to correctly announce your event – Column submission deadlines are the 15th of January, April, July and October; publication of the Marker Lamp is the middle of the following month.

Historian Bob Barnett reported:

The year 2020 was historic in many was but one if the casualties was the numerous train shows, division meetings and club meetings or not held. Fortunately, innovative and quick-responding individuals came up with plans for on-line meetings using the various meeting platforms, so all was not lost (or at least suspended). It is our hope that we can return to more normal meetings and comradery for 2021.

In the meantime, we are working on a series of articles, similar to the earlier articles regarding the first LSR convention held in D-FW and the first LSR convention held in Houston in 1953 in conjunction with the most recent two LSR Conventions. Articles will include reminiscing about popular and long serving hobby shops around the regions as well as early LSR Conventions. I have solicited input or articles from members regarding some of the long-standing hobby shops in our several metropolitan areas around the LSR, so far with no takers.

Regardless we will publish some articles in the hope of stimulating interest and response comments from various members across the Region.

Membership Chair Ken Kaiser reported:

1. Overall the Region did a good job of recruiting new members. We signed up 75 new members. Division 3 was the top recruiter with 25 new members.
2. Keeping our members continues to be a major concern. Adding the 75 new members to the 941 members we had last December we should have had 1,016 members at the end of this December. Our December total was 888 or a loss of 128 members.
3. Based on the information I have received from the Divisions and the letters I send to each individual on the 60 day delinquency list the primary reasons for not renewals is the current cost of membership which appears to be in an ever increasing spiral upward and the increasing age of the overall membership.

a. Membership cost

The NMRA membership cost must be addressed at the National level. When the LSR printed the bulletin and mailed it out to all our members, we were dependent on making thousands of dollars at the annual LSR conventions to pay for the bulletin. By going digital we solved several problems. First we eliminated the need to make big bucks at the conventions and secondly eliminated the need for members to hoard stacks of bulletins. When we need to research information or locate an article we can just go into the archives. NMRA could do the same with their monthly publication.

B. Aging population

Many of our older members are living on fixed incomes and the cost of the current NMRA membership requires they make difficult financial decisions. Others can no longer actively participate in the hobby they love. Members can reduce the cost of the NMRA membership by not subscribing to the Bulletin. They may be housebound or unable to travel to Division meetings. However the bulletin may be their only contact with the hobby. Divisions can assist these members by having an active website that keeps then informed of current division activities and event and includes and provides digital videos of the monthly meeting, clinics and outside events. One of our Divisional Membership Chairman

suggested quarterly visits to member's layouts in their Division. We can do many things to keep these members connected to the hobby and preclude their leaving the NMRA.

Nomination Chair Pete Leach reported:

Elections for 2021 are approaching. We have several positions up for elections. The nominations are closed as of December 1. The following are the positions and the nominees running:

- President Donna Orr
- Treasurer Gert (Speed) Muller
- Division 1 Director Mike Mackey
- Division 3 Director Boyd Patterson
- Division 5 Director Brooks Willig and B J d'Orsey
- Division 7 Director Don Kimmell

Thank you to the above for keeping this organization going!

Non-Rail Chair Virginia Freitag No Report

Parliamentarian Ray Byer No Report

Photography Chair Michael Harang reported:

Preparations are under way for the joint 2021 Tulsa Union LSR / MCOR Convention. I have upgraded my photo equipment and photography techniques to produce better convention photos. I have emailed MCOR president Brad Slone MMR to request contact with his region's photo chair so that our regions can coordinate photo recording convention activities. Due to Corona virus, no visits have been made to any meets.

Publications Chair Riley Trigs No Report

Youth Chair Jim Lemmond reported:

The following youth have been nominated by their LSR Divisions to receive the LSR 2021 Youth Award: Division 3 – Dravin Priesmeyer (10 years old); Division 6 – Joseph Cobb (16 years old) and Division 8 – Zach Schiels (13 years old).

Division 3:

Dravin is a ten-year-old who was born into trains. We do not have any family members in the industry, yet, but Dravin was born when his older brother was going through a train phrase.

We let Dravin's big brother who was 3.5 at the time he was born pick out Dravin's first plush toy which was of course was a Thomas the Train. This was the first toy that Dravin even touched and nine years later it still holds rank over everything.

Dravin's first word was Mama and his second word was "tain" because he could not quite get that "r" in there. He didn't learn the alphabet by "a for apple", he learned it with the Thomas the Train ABC Book so "A for All Aboard!!". He is now a train enthusiast actively trying to convert others and show them why they should have a love of model railroading.

He plays train video games, watches train YouTubers, builds trains (allll over the house might I add), has a Thomas collection with all three types of tracks that is so large we have it in a storage unit because we have no where else to put it and I think it might mentally and emotionally scar him if we were to give it away.

The ONLY reason we were able to load the Thomas trains into storage is because he has now moved onto HO and N scale trains with a desire to start into G scale for the backyard.
He is completely excited to be a part of the NMRA and be as involved as time allows in a nine-year-old's life and I am glad this group exists so my kid has a place to exist with others that share this passion.

Division 6:
Joseph has been involved with model trains since he was 4 years old when he received his first Lionel train set. As he grew up he received several more Lionel train sets and his love for trains continued to grow. When he was 10 he was invited to a birthday party at the Texas Transportation Museum, and we continued to visit the museum until he was 13 when he started volunteering at the museum. Initially he was learning to be a conductor and helped to run to train rides. He also helped with many of the projects cleaning up around the museum grounds. As he earned the respect of the museum personnel he was allowed to work on more projects and eventually moved up to the Zuech Bldg and was allowed to start learning to run the model trains and work on the model lay outs. He also joined AMRE.

Recently, some of the projects he has worked on at the museum were cleaning up the caboose and helping to get it ready to be repainted. He disassembled, cleaned, and repainted a motor car, and is getting ready to help work on the motor to get it running again. When the Zuech Bldg was remodeled he help to set up and learned to run some of the new lay outs. Joseph is always ready to help work on any new project.

At home, Joseph has his own train collection. He still has his Lionel train sets, and plans to donate them to the museum but now he prefers Southern Pacific engines and freight cars. He has a small track system that he is able to set up from time to time, but due to lack of space isn't able to have it up all the time.

Joseph also likes taking pictures of trains of all kinds whenever he gets the chance. When the museum was closed due to COVID recently, Joseph spent his time on the weekends going to the rail yards watching for trains to come in so that he could get some good pictures, or to get a chance to talk to the engineers running the trains.
Joseph truly enjoys all aspects of working with trains, and plans to have a career working with trains.

Division 8:
All Points North Model Railroad Club would like to nominate Zach Schleis for the annual NMRA
youth scholarship. Zach is the son of Alynn Schleis, one of our members who joined the club
in 2017 to support and encourage his love of model railroading. Zach first visited APN in 2012
when he was almost 5 years old. Over the next 5 years, Zach would prove his sincere interest

in model railroading with active visits to APN and by beginning his own HO collection and small
layout at home.

Since joining APN, Zach has actively participated in club operations and learning about HO
modeling. As part of his railroading education, he has assisted with track maintenance, layout
upkeep and developing scenery. Zach likes to be involved at APN by observing or helping with
projects. He has assisted with terrain modification as part of the Scenery Committee and recently installed new scenery with one of our members. Zach attends local train shows and
helps out behind the table at the San Jacinto show where APN is a vendor.
Last fall, Zach built full-size tables for his large, home layout with his grandpa who is also a
model railroader. Since then he has been doing some kit buildings, a diorama, designing his
track layout and experimenting with paper mâché and ground cover. He has dreams of outfitting his layout with DCC and upgrading more engines with bells and whistles.

In addition to model railroading, Zach plays various instruments, enjoys engineering-themed
activities/PC games and loves to find something cool to do or build. He once connected his HO
track to a smart cube and programmed it to respond via Alexa to voice commands. When prompted, Alexa would power the track on and say “All aboard!” or power off saying “Applying
emergency brakes.” Another time, he built a motorized Lego mechanism to rock the glider
chair where his baby cousin napped. Other hobbies include photography and drawing.

Zach brings a youthful joy to APN and to the future of model of railroading with his enthusiasm, attention to detail, ingenuity and quest for small scale realism.

Website Chair Jeff Palmer reported:

Our service provider, Host Gator, continues to provide an excellent service. Renewal for the next three years comes due 1/1/2023. The annual support fees for website security and backup have been paid.

The election website www.geekwithtrains.com has served us well in the past and is being updated for the 2021 election. The site will set to open the election at 12:01 AM on the first of March and shutdown at 12:00 PM on March 30, 2021.

As to the Officer’s Page, use the link at the bottom of the LSR Officer’s page or the URL - http://www.lonestarregion.com/node/7. Please remember, right now security is by obscurity or the general lack of availability of the material. No logon required. Don’t share.

Over the past 6 months, 17 LSR emailing’s have gone out, the volume will continue in support of the upcoming 2021 Convention and the 2021 LSR Election.

Normal activity continues, as the posting of reports, motions, and emailing for the upcoming Mid-year Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck Lind opened **Old Business** by asking the Financial status of the LSR from the LSR Treasurer Gert Muller - see **Treasurer's Report** above. Gert let us know that the LSR is still Solvent and reported on the status of the budget. In short, All of the budget goals are being met.

The only budget item that exceeded its allotted budget was Website Hosting. It exceeded its budget by $4.83.

Chuck then called for Marc LaChey, Convention Chair, to present his request to move the 2021 Convention Date. As he explained, with COVID-19 still presenting its problems, many of the Tulsa layout owners expressed their concern about being open to the public with a raging pandemic. To address this issue, the convention committee want to move the convention from its current June 16-19, 2021 date to later in the year, October 6-10 or October 27-31 – two possible dates offered by the hosting hotel. Are some discussion, the two dates were approved with the October 27-31, 2021 being the preferred date. **Motion 2021-01-30 Motion 4** was brought to the board by **Marc LaChey, 2nd** by **Jeff Palmer**, discussed and **PASSED**.

LSR Budget and Expenses 2012 - 2021

Budget										
Lone Star Region	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	**FY**	
Note: All fiscal years are from May 1st through April 30th	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	**2020-2021**	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	**Approved**	**Actual**
INCOME										
Ad, Dealer, Marker Lamp	$20.00	$0.00	$40.00	$73.00	$0.00	$40.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$20.00**	**$40.00**
Ad, Pike, Marker Lamp	$152.00	$384.00	$243.00	$104.00	$164.00	$112.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	**$96.00**
Conv 2012 Proceeds Gulf Coast	$3,697.67									
Conv 2013 Repay Loan, DFW		$2,000.00								
Conv 2013 Proceeds, DFW		$8,331.27								
Conv 2014 Proceeds, Round Rock			$3,653.11							
Conv 2014 Repay loan, Round Rock			$2,000.00							
Conv 2015 Repay Loan, Beaumont				-$2,000.00						
Conv 2015 Proceeds, Beaumont				-$500.00						
Conv 2016 Repay Loan, DFW				$2,000.00	$2,000.00					
Conv 2016 Proceeds, DFW					$516.00					
Conv 2017 Proceeds, Houston						$226.00				
Conv 2018 Proceeds, Round Rock							$2,465.53			
Conv 2019 Proceeds, Frisco								$3,504.00		
Conv 2020 Proceeds, Houston								$1,619.00		
Conv 2021 Proceeds, No Convention										
Conv 2022 Repay Loan										
Dues										
NMRA Rebate	*$1,990.00*	*$1,929.00*	*$1,919.00*	*$1,916.00*	*$1,919.00*	*$1,848.00*	*$1,780.00*	*$1,706.00*	**$1,700.00**	**$820.00**
Subscriptions										
Dues, Rebate, Subscriptions Total	$1,990.00	$1,929.00	$1,919.00	$1,916.00	$1,919.00	$1,848.00	$1,780.00	$1,706.00		
Interest Earned CD Fund	$6.24	$3.95	$2.04	$35.46	$40.06					
Interest From Conv Fund	$2.89	$1.92	$0.97	$26.60	$19.92					
Patches and Decals		$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00					
MSSB interest						$93.31				
Amazon Smile						$5.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$5.00**	**$0.00**
Transfer from Savings										
TOTAL INCOME	$5,868.80	$12,650.14	$7,858.12	$1,655.06	$4,658.98	$2,324.31	$4,245.53	$6,829.00	***$1,775.00***	***$956.00***

	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	
Note: All fiscal years are from May 1st through April 30th	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	**2020-2021**	
EXPENSES	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	**Approved**	**Actual**
Achievement-LSR Program	$7.51	$227.41	$30.54	$0.00	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	**$0.00**
Board Meeting	$207.53	$183.94	$312.92	$0.00	$0.00	$81.39	$0.00	$0.00	**$25.00**	**$0.00**
Mid-Year Meeting Expense			$0.00	$174.68	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$25.00**	**$0.00**
Contest-Convention	$423.52	$134.49	$1,185.69	$905.04	$228.50	$382.77	$599.28	$817.57	**$100.00**	**$0.00**
~~Contest~~-Convention, non rail		$0.00	$0.00	$500.00	$0.00	$214.69	$500.00	$740.00	**$100.00**	**$0.00**
Conv 2012 Advance to Houston		$0.00	$0.00							
Conv 2013 Advance to DFW	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00							
Conv 2014 Advance to RR	$500.00	$1,500.00	$0.00							
Conv 2015 Advance to Beaumont			$2,000.00	$2,000.00						
Conv 2015 loss of Beaumont convention				$500.00						
Conv 2016 Advance to DFW			$2,000.00	$2,000.00						
Conv 2021 Advance to Tulsa									**$1,000.00**	**$1,000.00**
Convention General Expense (1)			$0.00							
501C3 IRS Expense			$400.00							
NMRA Rebate to divisions					$954.25	$1,149.00	$890.00	$853.00	**$850.00**	**$410.00**
Election-Expenses		$1,953.82	$1,242.21	$240.95	$57.36	$86.01	$194.32	$0.00	**$50.00**	**$0.00**
Historian-Expenses		$38.97	$0.00	$15.16	$0.00	$38.97	$0.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	**$0.00**
Membership	$202.48	$0.00	$80.00	$0.00	$0.00					
President-Office Expenses		$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$15.00**	**$0.00**
Secretary Exp. & Postage		$45.09	$65.77	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Treasurer Exp. & Postage				$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$29.05	**$20.00**	**$0.00**
Marker Lamp Print & Mail	$5,128.18	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00					
Sign and Print for Events							$80.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	**$0.00**
Audio/visual				$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,566.77	$0.00	**$50.00**	**$0.00**
Memorial Denotations	$150.00	$0.00	$47.00	$0.00	$0.00	$75.00	$200.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	**$0.00**
Web Site	$59.50	$59.50	$0.00	$0.00	$269.60	$50.52	$50.52	$596.14	**$100.00**	**$104.83**
Bank Costs						$26.00	$21.00	$0.00	**$40.00**	**$0.00**
Youth Program	$32.00	$28.00	$0.00	$32.00	$0.00	$221.00	$360.00	$120.00	**$200.00**	**$0.00**
Youth Chairman			$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
TOTAL EXPENSES	$7,710.72	$4,171.22	$7,364.13	$6,367.83	$1,609.71	$2,325.35	$4,461.89	$3,155.76	**$2,775.00**	***$1,514.83***
NET (INCOME-EXPENSES)	***-$1,841.92***	***$8,478.92***	***$493.99***	***-$4,712.77***	***$3,049.27***	***-$1.04***	***-$216.36***	***$3,673.24***	***-$1,000.00***	***-$558.83***
Prepared by Speed Muller, Treasurer 2017-2021										

This brought to an end, Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business was the presentation and discussion of this year's **Youth Awards. Jim Lemmond** presented:

> **Darvin Priesmeyer**, Age 10 from Division 3,
> **Joseph Cobb**, Age 16 from Division 6,
> **Zach Schiels**, Age 13 from Division 8

During the discussion, Jim pointed out that in this day and time, COVID-19 is wreaking havoc on his ability to present the winners with their plaques. It was determined that each of the Division Chairs would deliver the plaque to their recipient and take a photo of the presentation for publication in the Marker Lamp. **Jim Lemmond** authored the **2021-01-30 Motion 2**, Youth Award Motion to the board, it was **2nd** by **Jeff Palmer**, and after a brief discussion the motion was **PASSED**.

Chuck Lind introduced **Motion 3 (2021-01-30 Motion 3)**. This motion is to cover the postage expenses of the **Membership Chair**. At this time, Chuck has been covering that expense out of the **President**'s line item for **Ken Kaiser**, the Membership Chair. Part of Ken's duties is to reach out to those whose membership has expired and this is done by mail. The motion creates a **$100.00 annual** line item for **Membership postage**. **Chuck Lind** authored the motion, **Phil Stewart 2nd** the motion. Minimal discussion ensued and the motion **PASSED**.

Chuck Lind introduced **Blake Bogs,** a quest to the proceedings, to discussion youth/student issues. Blake, a college student, wanted to voice his concerns about the rising membership dues, especially the "Student Fees". Blake referenced the rise in membership that took place 3 years ago and then the new rise this year. Student income is not going up and the cost of membership is forcing many of the students to drop membership to afford books and class tuition. **Donna Orr** added the point that this is also the situation with seniors who are on a fixed income. It's as if the NMRA is dumping its cash short fall on the membership instead of looking at its own budgetary responsibilities. Both Blake and Donna know the LSR has nothing to do with membership fees but **Chuck Lind** accepted the responsibility to pass this information on to national.

Chuck Lind called on **Jeff Palmer** to open the discussion on **Contest Room Ribbons and Plaques. Jeff** turned the discussion over to **Ray Byer** who had prepared the Contest Room report on expenses and the gates of debate were opened. This was not a discussion whose purpose is to drive a motion, it was a discussion of what was currently being done in the contest room and what should be the direction of the contest room. At present, every convention gives ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Ribbons are also given for Merit, a non-winning score of 87.5 or greater. The cost of these ribbons are annually $125.00 for just the City ribbon and the Year ribbon. The City ribbon identifies the convention city and the Year ribbon, you guessed it, identifies the year given. A minimum order is 100 units each of which less than half will be used. It should be noted,

that each first place winner also receives a 1st place plaque. On any given year, there are 21 1st place plaques and 12 special places given out. Depending on the material used, the annual cost of the plaque material is +$300.00.

The virtues of Ribbons and Plaques were discussed and out of that discussion it was determined that the value of plaques was greater staying power and value than ribbons, therefore, when the current supply of ribbons expirers, they will NOT be replaced. During the interim between now and the last of the ribbons, a search will be done to determine if certificates are an alternative. Changes to the contest rules is required.

Contest room categories were also reviewed. Overall it was felt that the categories were ok with some minor tweaking to be done at future discussions since it was not a main point for this discussion.

Passing the cost of the contest room plaques on to annual conventions was also discussed. At the present time, the LSR bares the total cost of the contest room. Discussions were carried on about passing that cost onto convention registration. Points were made on trying to keep convention costs low, but the revenue the LSR gets from a convention does not cover the current cost of the plaques. The average attendance to a convention is +125. This requires future discussion.

After a long discussion, Chuck Lind redirected our attention to the 2022 Convention in Temple, Texas being presented by Bob Thiele.

Bob Thiele presented his concepts for the **2022 LSR Convention.** Initial site for the convention on **May 5-7, 2022** is the **Mayborn Convention Center, Temple, Texas – "Where Modeling meets Prototype".** Local railroading resources are being researched, as well as sites and activities for Non-Rail. A silent auction will be held. One of the conventions focus will be on the AP program. Planning many hands-on clinics.

Mike Mackey presented the current status of the 2023 National Convention. Mike indicates that the convention effort is about to ramp up. Mike is looking for volunteers. Web work is needed. With the cancellation of the **2020 National Convention** and with **England** pulling out of the **2022 Convention** the **St. Louis** is being moved to **2022**, we are waiting to see the effect of these changes on future National Conventions.

With Mike's conclusion, **Chuck** motioned for the conclusion of the BOD meeting. 2nd by **Jeff Palmer**. No discussion. Motion passed and the meeting concluded at **12:14 PM**,

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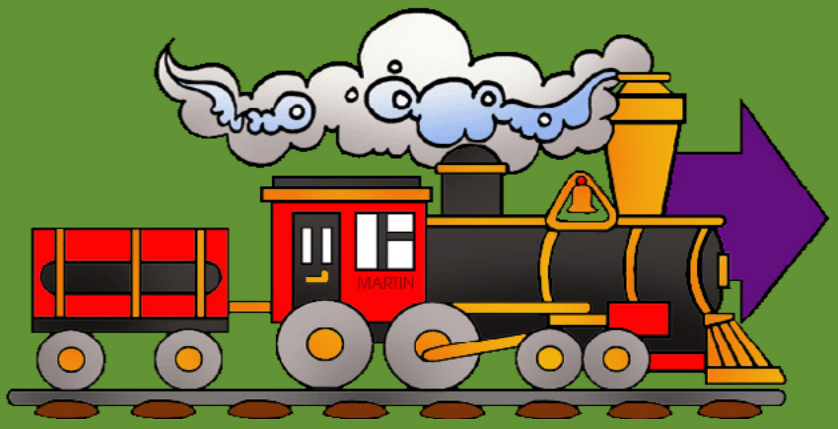

Wanted! Nominees for the LSR 2022 Youth Award

- **Who:** Any boy or girl 18 years old or younger with an interest in model railroading.
- **Where:** One nominee from each LSR Division.
- **A past awardee:** May be renominated for another year if they meet the qualifications specified in the LSR Constitution.
- **Contact Jim Lemmond jimlem@comcast.net**

How: Fill out the special Youth Award Membership Form available on **http://www.lonestarregion.com/**

When: Submit your nomination to **your LSR Division Director** by December 1, 2021.

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SO... YOU WANT TO MOVE

by Don Kimmell

I suppose it is the secret wish of every model railroader to have a "real" car.

Over the years, I have been involved in two (2) one-to-one scale rail car movements. I do own one caboose, and the club I play with also owns a dining car, which is used as our "clubhouse". Each move was interesting (which is a massive understatement)!

My personal toy is KCS #343, a 1971 Darby product, initially assigned to the Minden, LA area. It was retired when the railroads were given permission to eliminate cabooses. Though the club I belong to, we met up with the AVP Transportation of the KCS. My wonderful wife mentioned to him that she "…wanted a rail car of some sort." Three weeks later I received a call to "Come on out to Deramius yards, and see if there were any cabooses you might be interested in. They would sell it to us for scrap value." Two hours later we were looking at the "inventory" of five (5). We chose the "best" one, paid $2500, and then realized what we had done!

A RAIL CAR?

How does one move a 42 foot, 52,000 lbs., stainless steel caboose? House movers? Oil-field equipment haulers? Let alone what sort of "foundation" does it need. I got out the phone book-this was 1992, pre-google days-and started fishing around. The house movers wouldn't touch it, too much trouble, the oilfield folks were too busy, we ended up with a contract trucker who was a rail fan, had a couple drop-deck trailers and had always wanted to try to move a railcar. As an aside,

Paul became a very good friend and one of the "original elves" for the KCS Christmas Train. Paul then asked me if I had a crane lined up to lift it. Another couple of phone calls. Found a local one who just happened to have an available 75-ton crane, but I would also need a couple of riggers, which they could arrange. Done. Then the question was where to put it and on what sort of foundation. How about a chunk of rail w/ballast? Another couple of phone calls took care of that! We were ready!

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GROVE
WIDE LOAD
OVERSIZE LOAD

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To tell you the truth, it really didn't look too bad sitting there by the drive, aside from the "slight" list. It was also sinking deeper into the ground on the low side, seems that the 6x6s were not quite up to the job. The "head gardener" also was having some issues with the location!

The next step was how to get #343 from where it sat to the 39' section of rail at the top of our hill. I had no idea, I was really in a quandary as how to move it. Luckily, there was a member of the modular club I belonged to, who figured out a way to move it. He and his father had a heavy construction company—they owned a couple of large track-hoes, which could, if you kept the boom a certain distance off center, lift and move the caboose. Of course this was 14 months after she arrived at our house. I told him to go for it. It only took a couple of hours one Friday morning, I won't say what condition the "yard" was in after, but they got her moved!

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Finally, after 14 months, #343 was "home"! Still had to run power, so something about the cooling issue—you would not believe how hot it got during the summer—was not planning to use the potty, so no plumbing would be necessary.

So, after 28 years KCS #343 is still there, bit dirty, need to power-wash the exterior, replace the logos and numbers, but it is our "52,000 lbs., stainless steel yard ornament".

Car #2

Approximately 3 years later, a member of our club, Rick (I am only going to use first names to protect the guilty) informed us that Bossier Parish was looking to get rid of an "old train car" that they had been using as a classroom. It seems the voters had approved some monies to build a "real" one, so it was FREE to whoever wanted it, as long as you could move it. It was a 1921 Illinois Central dinning car, used on the City of New Orleans, then donated to a local Boy Scout troop, who eventually after 15+ years of use, donated it to the Parish.

The operative word here was "FREE". We said sure we would be willing to take it off of their hands, and we could figure out how to move it. A number of other organizations had also expressed an interest, but could not find anyone to move the car. All the local house movers had been burned in the past moving rail cars of some sort so they said "…no way." So, we "won out". Again, Tom had an idea on how to do it.

It seems the car was sitting on the ground—no trucks—so that cut some of the weight. This car was built by Pullman with a riveted-fish belly underframe, so he figured we could winch it up on an oil-field equipment trailer with no problems. Tom is an IC fan, and according to his info, this car weighed approx. 140,000 lbs. with trucks. So, each truck weighed only 15,000 lbs. time 2, form 140,000, we would then have a "load" of only 55 tons. The trailer could handle it! tons. The trailer could handle it!

Rick and Tom figured it would be best to do the move on a Sunday, fewer witnesses. We set it up, notified the oilfield trucking company and off we go. They had a 53' lowboy we asked for, what did we get but a 40' lowboy. So, we decided to try it. This car was 80' long, and needless to say was a bit too long for the 40-footer, so they sent the 53-footer and we winched it off of the 40 to the 53.

Our convoy only had about 7 miles on Hwy 80, then a right down a two-lane for a couple of miles, then another right onto Tom's place, the final resting place for this Dinning Car. We still had to find a couple of trucks, a length of track and a few other "housekeeping" items, but over the next year we accomplished it.

A couple years later Tom found the Pullman book covering the IC Dinning Cars, it seems we were a bit off on the weight, according to that book, this car weighted 189,000+ lbs. when it left the factory…..

So, you want an old rail car? Good luck, but we are available to consult. ML

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By Jim Lemmond
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The following youth have been nominated by their LSR Divisions to receive the LSR 2021 Youth Award: Division 3 – Dravin Priesmeyer (10 years old); Division 6 – Joseph Cobb (16 years old) and Division 8 – Zach Schiels (13 years old).

Division 3:

Dravin is a ten-year-old who was born into trains. We do not have any family members in the industry, yet, but Dravin was born when his older brother was going through a train phrase.
We let Dravin's big brother who was 3.5 at the time he was born pick out Dravin's first plush toy which was of course was a Thomas the Train. This was the first toy that Dravin even touched and nine years later it still holds rank over everything.

Dravin's first word was Mama and his second word was "tain" because he could not quite get that "r" in there. He didn't learn the alphabet by "a for apple", he learned it with the Thomas the Train ABC Book so "A for All Aboard!!". He is now a train enthusiast actively trying to convert others and show them why they should have a love of model railroading.

He plays train video games, watches train YouTubers, builds trains (allll over the house might I add), has a Thomas collection with all three types of tracks that is so large we have it in a storage unit because we have no where else to put it and I think it might mentally and emotionally scar him if we were to give it away.

The ONLY reason we were able to load the Thomas trains into storage is because he has now moved onto HO and N scale trains with a desire to start into G scale for the back-yard.

He is completely excited to be a part of the NMRA and be as involved as time allows in a nine-year-old's life and I am glad this group exists so my kid has a place to exist with others that share this passion.

Division 6:

Joseph has been involved with model trains since he was 4 years old when he received his first Lionel train set. As he grew up he received several more Lionel train sets and his love for trains continued to grow. When he was 10 he was invited to a birthday party at the Texas Transportation Museum, and we continued to visit the museum until he was 13 when he started volunteering at the museum. Initially he was learning to be a conductor and helped to run to train rides. He also helped with many of the projects cleaning up around the museum grounds. As he earned the respect of the museum personnel he was allowed to work on more projects and eventually moved up to the Zuech Bldg and was allowed to start learning to run the model trains and work on the model lay outs. He also joined AMRE.

Recently, some of the projects he has worked on at the museum were cleaning up the caboose and helping to get it ready to be repainted. He disassembled, cleaned, and repainted a motor car, and is getting ready to help work on the motor to get it running again. When the Zuech Bldg was remodeled he help to set up and learned to run some of the new lay outs. Joseph is always ready to help work on any new project.

At home, Joseph has his own train collection. He still has his Lionel train sets, and plans to donate them to the museum but now he prefers Southern Pacific engines and freight

cars. He has a small track system that he is able to set up from time to time, but due to lack of space isn't able to have it up all the time.

Joseph also likes taking pictures of trains of all kinds whenever he gets the chance. When the museum was closed due to COVID recently, Joseph spent his time on the weekends going to the rail yards watching for trains to come in so that he could get some good pictures, or to get a chance to talk to the engineers running the trains.

Joseph truly enjoys all aspects of working with trains, and plans to have a career working with trains.

Division 8:

All Points North Model Railroad Club would like to nominate Zach Schleis for the annual NMRA youth scholarship. Zach is the son of Alynn Schleis, one of our members who joined the club in 2017 to support and encourage his love of model railroading. Zach first visited APN in 2012 when he was almost 5 years old. Over the next 5 years, Zach would prove his sincere interest in model railroading with active visits to APN and by beginning his own HO collection and small layout at home.

Since joining APN, Zach has actively participated in club operations and learning about HO modeling. As part of his railroading education, he has assisted with track maintenance, layout upkeep and developing scenery. Zach likes to be involved at APN by observing or helping with projects. He has assisted with terrain modification as part of the Scenery Committee and recently installed new scenery with one of our members. Zach attends local train shows and helps out behind the table at the San Jacinto show where APN is a vendor.

Last fall, Zach built full-size tables for his large, home layout with his grandpa who is also a model railroader. Since then he has been doing some kit buildings, a diorama, designing his track layout and experimenting with paper mâché and ground cover. He has dreams of outfitting his layout with DCC and upgrading more engines with bells and whistles.

In addition to model railroading, Zach plays various instruments, enjoys engineering-themed activities/PC games and loves to find something cool to do or build. He once connected his HO track to a smart cube and programmed it to respond via Alexa to voice commands. When prompted, Alexa would power the track on and say "All aboard!" or power off saying "Applying emergency brakes." Another time, he built a motorized Lego mechanism to rock the glider chair where his baby cousin napped. Other hobbies include photography and drawing.

Zach brings a youthful joy to APN and to the future of model of railroading with his enthusiasm, attention to detail, ingenuity and quest for small scale realism. ML

Director Reports

Cowcatcher Division 1

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The COVID pandemic continues to impact not only the activities of Division 1, but our lives in general. While we had planned on having our annual Christmas Party in December, that had to be cancelled. Our "Make and Take" Flat Car Clinic has officially now been delayed for over a year. As of now, we are placing it on the schedule for May of this year with hopes that we can resume face to face meetings then. Here's to anticipating that the vaccine is as successful as we all want it to be.

It appears that yours truly will be serving at least two more years as division director since there was no other candidate on the ballot when it was announced last month. Let me state that the success of our division resides in the group of members who fill all of the roles on the management team. I know of no other division, in the entirety of the NMRA, which has a full slate of managers, in so many different assigned jobs, complete with backups! We have an extraordinary situation in Division 1 and I'm grateful for all of the help and support.

We currently have our 2021 meeting/clinic schedule filled and are working on 2022. Our topics for our meetings for 2021 are as follows:

January
Greg McComas — Mainline Modeling in a Small Space
February
Pete Steinmetz — What is Dead Rail?
March
Bruce Petrarca — Answering your DCC Questions
April
Clarence Zink — Mining Operations on Your Railroad (It's not just Coal)
May
Duane Richardson — Giving Your Railroad a Purpose
June
Summer Cookout and Social
July
Duane Richardson — Flat Car Make and Take Part 1
August
Duane Richardson — Flat Car Make and Take Part 2
September
John Lowrance — Signs for your Railroad
October
Jeff Palmer — Roads for your Layout
November
Rich Mossholder — Modeling Deserted Track
December
Christmas Part and Awards Banquet

One of the positives coming out of the COVID pandemic is the fact that our division is now set up to broadcast our meetings even when we resume face to face meetings. Our plan is to continue using Zoom and record our meetings, and, after editing, upload our meetings to the division YouTube Channel. This also allows us to continue the practice of bringing in clinicians from around the globe to give us a wide variety of information on a vast array of subjects.

On a side note, our Zoom license currently offers us the opportunity to have up to 100 individuals attend the live meeting as it is happening. We've typically hosted about 35-45 on any single meeting. Based on that, we have extended invitations to Divisions 2 and 5 respectively. I'm happy to report that we normally have about half of Division 5 join us during our meetings. We are pleased to welcome them and hope that both divisions enjoy interacting with us each month.

Until next time…Keep Training!

Bayou Division 2

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Well, here are again writing another report for Riley and the Marker Lamp for Winter 2021. See how I just filled some space without saying anything? But for real, it is still slow here in the Bayou Division because of the Covid-19 virus. Most modelers that I am affiliated with are either staying home still or just starting to return to some club activities. Updates are few and far between right now that I have hear of from the Baton Rouge area.

The Greater Baton Rouge Model Railroaders in Jackson, Louisiana, continue to be closed to the public. I can only hope they are still getting together a few members at a time to work on their layouts and to get ready for when they can get back to hosting twice a month open house date's. Also, I have heard that Clay Fourrier of this group and of the TCA Louisiana Region has again had to cancel the Ponchatoula Train Show that is scheduled for early March 2021. They again are being optimistic to be able to hold the show in November. Fingers and more crossed it happens.

I have not heard anything from the Mid-South Club, but I believe they have been working on updating sections of the layout and working on their dispatcher's computer screens and maybe we will see them host an operating session on the near future, perhaps BEFORE hurricane season begins again.

Locally on the Crescent City Model Railroad Club, work has begun on remodeling the McNally Yard at Crescent City and the Natchez Industrial District is all but complete except for a few details and the last 10 feet of backdrop that will be in place by the middle of February. See the pictures included with this report.

The Bayou Division did try its hand for a new event for us. We had a small swap meet and sale hosted by Division 2 and the CCMRC back on December 12 from 10am to 3 pm. We tried to start small and only advertised it to NMRA members. Turnout was light, but the few vendors that came to set up did have a fun day and a few items were sold and traded making it a true swap meet as advertised. I think we will try this again sometime in the spring and advertise it to be open to the public as well. Of course, all safety protocols that are required were adhered to for the December event and again will be followed for the springtime event too.

A recent sad note that is not from our division but does affect our region was the untimely passing of Dr Richard Kamm from complications that occurred from a recent fall and broken leg. Dr Kamm was a great help in putting together the Bayou Rail 2019 event for us in Division 2 and was a gracious host to may operators during that event and many other times. The Bayou Division wishes his family the best during these trying times.

That is all for now from the Bayou Division, here is hoping everyone stays safe and well and remember to keep modeling.

North East Texas Division 3

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After our October, outside swap meet, where all that attended had a great time, we were back to zoom meetings.

In November we had a layout tour presented by Keith Sampler of his Colorado & Southern layout modeled in On3 and which uses "power on board" or battery power.

Keith was born in South Africa and spent his young days in Rhodesia, now known as Zimbabwe. His father worked on the Railways after the war as a master carpenter coach builder. Keith spent his young days at the yards and steam shops watching locomotives known as Garratts switching and moving cars around. He had many a cab ride as it was the 1950's and everything was open. His family returned to South Africa when the so-called "troubles" began which culminated in a war.

Keith became a model railroader during his teenage years. His grandfather was a senior manager on the South African Railways and had his own private coach. Keith took many a trip with him during school vacations. Keith became a narrow gauge modeler in the very early 1970's,modelling DRGW. And stayed Life long narrow gauger. Keith moved from South Africa, to Toronto, to Chicago to Dallas.
Due to all the moving around, I built several layouts. Most were all operational, but not too many were in a state of completeness.

My current layout and the focus of my presentation is my 11th On3 layout and it is the most complete effort. I began building this layout in 2016 when I retired.

December would have been our Christmas Party gathering, but Covid was still around, so another zoom meeting, in this meeting James Knabb gave us some insight into the next generations ideas in Model Railroading. He presented "The Next Generation in Model Railroading" about layout planning with the most recent computer technology.

At each of our meetings we also have updates on NMRAx, Tips and tricks, show and tell, Q and A and any other pertinent information for the Division.

Our January Meeting is being postponed due to the Plano Train Show. We will meet on the 4th Saturday and have a presentation by Rich Mossholder. His clinic will be on "Backwoods and abandoned track"

Hope everyone is doing well and glad we made it to 2021.

CenTex Division 4

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2020 has been an extremely challenging year and numerous adjustments to Division operations had to be made. Like many Division and Regions, Cen-Tex has employed Zoom as a way to gather and exchange modeling techniques and ideas.

I want to thank the following Division members for contributing clinics to the Zoom meetings. Jack Merkel – Converting layout lighting for Day/night operations. Scratch building prototype structures. Steve Jackobs – Kit bashing a SW 10. David and Sam Nicastro – Numerous layout improvements on the Moffitt Tunnel route and installing DCC decoders in MOV vehicle. Mike Barrett contributes many clinics to the Division, all of them very informative and entertaining.

The Division had many members who contributed short 5- and 10-minute show and tell videos and power point presentations. I would like to mention a few, Jerry Wilson, Wayne Jones, George Zapalac, Bob Batson and Lou Adler. Some members have sponsored operating sessions with the proper safety protocols in place.

I want to thank James Knabb for all the work he has put into the Multi Regional Zoom Meetings. The Division members have nothing but praise for the meetings. This tool has brought together NMRA members from around the country and overseas to exchange ideas and develop acquaintances.

The Division has begun working on a new website which will be give the membership greater access to resources. Another goal is to give members the ability to communicated with each other with ease.

The Austin Model Railroad Society, an all NMRA module group, has had to make the same adjustment as the Division. All meetings have been on Zoom and the group has not assemble for operating sessions since March. They have approved the second phase of building with 25 feet of modules depicting down town Austin in the late 1950's. Members are constructing the individual modules at home with the hopes of joining them together in the near future. The Train show sponsored by AMRS has been cancel twice but a new venue has been selected and the show will be held on Labor Day weekend, 2021.

At the LSR board meeting in January 2021, a brief presentation on the plans for the 2022 LSR regional convention will be given.

Division 6

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The Golden Age of Model Railroading

I responded recently to The Cowcatcher Magazine survey about the hobby, and some of my answers paused me to think a little more on it.

One question asked was "when was the golden age of model railroading?" I answered that it is now!

Sure, not many homes have trains running around the Christmas tree anymore, nor do many kids receive a new Lionel or American Flyer train, like back in the day. And our membership numbers are far below their peak. But --- for those of us who are in the hobby, this is a great time to be a model railroader.

The number of structures and cars available has never been better. Just leaf through the Walthers catalog and see how long that takes you to look at every structure kit that is still stocked in inventory. And it has really just been the past few years that the detail and quality of rolling stock has jumped to an entirely new level. Locomotives are coming out with road specific details and even road specific sound.

Well, I know that the price is going up too, but you get what you pay for. If you're on a tight budget you can still get very nice Accurail kits that, adjusted for inflation, don't cost any more than a blue box did in the 60's. I think they're a great value for an operating railroad. They don't have those ultra-detailed parts that break off, but the detail is "good enough" to me. (And they're made in the USA – I've been to the Accurail 'world headquarters' in Elburn, IL. They do all the design, injection molding, painting and lettering in a non-descript little building next to the UP/C&NW tracks)

What's this grumbling I hear about 'the death of scratch building'? To paraphrase Mark Twain, that death has been greatly exaggerated. Sure, not as many modelers chose that path today, but the option is still there, and it's always nice to have options. I, for one, have scratchbuilt a number of cars and structures over the past year. The tools, supplies, and detail parts available for scratch building has never been better. (See my scratch building article elsewhere in this Marker Lamp).

2020 was certainly restricted what we hobby activities we could travel to and participate in. But we all learned how to meet via Zoom, Facebook and YouTube, and I suspect that this will continue even after the virus is under control. I met via Zoom with sessions from the Division 3, Division 4, the South Texas Railroad Social, NMRAx, Layout Design SIG, Denton MRRC, and various multi-division meetings. In some ways this is better than the pre-Covid days in that we get to hear from people from all around the country and the world.
Not that I'm not itching to get back to face-to-face meetings. I'm registered for our Tulsa regional convention, which is in the process of moving out to October. Let's hope we can hold that one this year.

In the meantime, let's keep modeling. It's the Golden Age of model railroading!

As always, if there is anything we can do to help you in your modeling, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe out there.

Division 7

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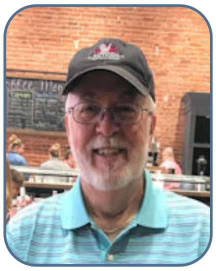
In case anyone has not heard, Dr. Richard Kamm has passed away. He will be sorely missed in this area. It was from complications from a fall. So, let us all be very careful.

The Ark-La-Tex Modular Club has left the road after 25+ years of doing Train Shows and various displays, age has caught up with us. The modules were just getting too heavy for us older members to move around and we were not getting any younger members. The complete, all 18+ are now set up in Tom White's second floor home. Up and running! Tom figures there are 2 ½ miles of track. This is the first time in over 15 years that there was enough room to set everything up, usually a train show layout was 12 straights and 4 corners. I am sure after the pandemic is over, Tom will welcome visitors to play. This will be the third "layout" that Tom has at his place, his original one in an old oil tank, the dog bone in the club car (1921 Pullman Dinning Car) and the modules in his second floor. Not too bad!

With the pandemic still going, about everyone is staying pretty close to home. So, stay well and play trains.



At-Large

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Big surprise for everyone: Covid has affected all phases of model railroading.

Club members reluctant to go to meetings, clinics canceled, train shows canceled, and almost every other group event canceled. How has this affected your model train club? In the Texas Western we have seen a drop in attendance especially on the part of members that have pre-existing medical conditions that make us more likely to be seriously affected should we be infected.

Others have family members at home that are high risk, which must be protected from someone carrying the virus home to them. Luckily the Internet, in particular Zoom, has been a huge help in keeping all of us in communication and allows for scheduled meetings. The NMRA-X series also helped us feel like we went to a convention clinic, even though we were at home in our fuzzy slippers.

We were all hoping this virus would be under control by the end of 2020; now we realize this isn't a sprint, but a marathon to end the pandemic. And everyone must compete and make the effort for any of us to win. Just this morning I received a note that the 2021 NMRA convention has been canceled and they are now trying to set up something virtual. I think we will continue to adjust and do whatever we can to support our hobby through virtual meetings, clinics, and presentations. Our hobby is populated in the majority by 60+ year olds, so we all have to be very careful and follow the rules for sanitizing.

I had planned to visit as many clubs in our region as possible this last year, but am hoping we see the other side of this soon and I can get out to see every club this year.

At-Large

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Milk Car Wreck of 1913 as seen in 1925

My modeling time has been spent in two general areas, attending virtual meetings, and completing many small projects for my layout. Both activities have filled some of the gap left by the restrictions of the COVID pandemic on face-to-face gatherings.

While I DO miss the camaraderie of the in-person meetings and conventions, the virtual meetings have certainly helped me keep in touch with the local crowd. Our Houston based club, San Jacinto Model Railroad Club, has been holding hybrid meetings with some folks attending in person while others (including me) use Zoom as a way to participate. I recently conducted a clinic that covered the historical research and construction of a specific boxcar that served my prototype railroad for its entire existence.

In addition to the regular monthly club meetings, I have participated in our "show-and-tell" events held once or twice a month. These virtual get-togethers are organized by a couple of our club board members and they allow folks to update everyone on projects underway. These meetings help motivate me to complete something in my railroad room.

A bonus has been the meetings with other modelers from around the country to share our interests in the hobby. I am having fun participating in monthly Zoom calls with a few dozen "hard-core" Maine Two-Foot modelers from across North America and the UK. We get to tour some layouts we may never be able to visit in person.

I am attending on-line meetings with the NNG (National Narrow Gauge) and GLHOn30 (Great Lakes HOn30) groups. These are fun ways to connect with like-minded modelers to share ideas and techniques.

In the railroad room, I continue to work on adding details to my layout. I've installed two electronic systems that will add background sound to specific scenes. One includes harbor sounds for my railroad wharf. The other has birds and dogs barking in a scene along a rural stop. I have posted a video on YouTube demonstrating the effects.

https://youtu.be/CEOoCyOIW0g

With the major construction products complete on my layout, I am now working on adding small detailed scenes to add some life. One of these scenes is depicted in the photo below.

On September 23,1913, a Maine Central standard gauge train failed to stop at the ball signal protecting the crossing with the narrow-gauge Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington. Narrow-gauge dairy car No 73 was fouling the diamond when MEC Engine 233 struck it squarely. The all wood car was reduced splinters. The event became known as the Milk Car Wreck of 1913.

Local residents worked with the railroad crews to clear the crossing quickly. Although the major pieces were removed, parts of the car siding and rust milk cans are still visible 12 years later in the scene on my layout.

Until next time: keep modeling and don't cry over spilt milk!

No reports submitted

Division 5

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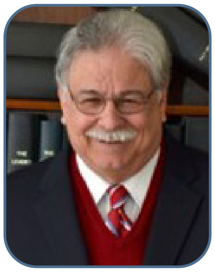

Texas Gulf Division 8

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Treasurer Report

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This time we have almost nothing to report! Two older checks cleared the bank and we paid for some website expenses. We still have, at least 5, paid memberships with the magazine in the Delattre Fund to offer to modelers from the defense forces, current or retired!

At National, the nmra.org **store** is finally integrated into the main website, so one less place to create an account to renew your membership. If the credit card part of the online store is giving you trouble, please uncheck the “same shipping and billing address” box, and make sure your name **matches** your credit card in the billing part. Jim is not equal to James, Bob is not Robert, just as Speed is not Fast...

Be safe!

Speed

Third Quarter, 2020/2021:

Beginning Balances (2020/10/31)	
Tulsa Advance	$ 1,000.00
LSR Unrestricted Accounts	$41,896.93
Beginning Total LSR Net Worth	**$42,896.93**
Bob Clarke Award Fund	$ 528.86
Division 5 and 7 Rebates in Escrow	$ 145.00
Delattre Fund	$ 660.00
Outstanding checks	148.00
Future Advances due	$ -1000.00
Bank Saldo at bank	**$43,378.79**
Proceeds	
-	$ 0.00
Total Proceeds	**$ 0.00**
Disbursements	
Website	$ 104.83
Total Disbursements	**$ 104.83**
Net Proceeds - Disbursements	**$ -104.83**
Ending Balances (2020/10/31)	
Tulsa Advance	$ 1,000.00
LSR Unrestricted Accounts Total	$41,792.10
Total LSR Net Worth	**$42,792.10**
Bob Clarke Award	$ 528.86
Division 5 and 7 Rebates in Escrow	$ **145.00**
Delattre Fund	$ 660.00
Outstanding checks	$ **0.00**
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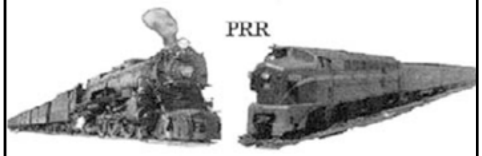

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